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No boost for Tory morale

# Lame Lamont leaves Major uphill task

NORMAN Lamont yesterday ailed to lift morale over the economy or to remove the question mark over his future. His speech to the Conservative conference ruled out substan-tial cuts in interest rates as a means of boosting growth and reviving the battered

economy. The Chancellor's low-key performance leaves John Major with the difficult task of restoring Tory confidence when he addresses the conference today at the end of a week in which his policies have been savaged by Baroness Thatcher and Lord Tebbit.

Mr Lamont made a 2 per cent inflation target and the tightest possible squeeze on public spending the corner-stones of his new economic policy to fill the void left by Britain's departure from the European exchange-rate mechanism. The Chancellor received a muted reception from a conference that ap-

"IF JOHN Smith is the an-

swer, then what is the ques-

demanded on Tuesday, bring-

ing the house down at the

Conservative Party confer-

ence. But as Norman Lamont

descended from the podium in Brighton yesterday morn-ing. Mr Heseltine's remark

took on a new meaning. If Mr

Lamont's speech was the an-

swer, then what on earth was

The question Mr Lamont

chose to address was certainly

not the one on the minds of

British businessmen and voters. His speech contained no

hint of what the government

would do to end the recession and restore confidence after

the devaluation. This was in

sharp contrast to Mr Lamont's

first public statement on post-deviautaion policy, at the IMF

meeting in Washington. Then

he described a new objective of

economic policy — to achieve "sustained non-inflationary

growth". But in yesterday's

speech he had reverted com-

pletely to the traditional Trea-

sury language. The only

objective he mentioned was

the lasting defeat of infla-

tion". His speech mentioned

inflation 17 times, recession

twice, confidence twice and

prosperity once, growth not at

Mr Lamont showed no sign

of willingness to reinstate the

economic mechanism that can

link low inflation to economic

growth. There was no men-

tion of the sharp cuts in

interest rates demanded by the

Thatcherites and the business

community - and now pos-

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the question?

Michael Heseltine

peared, from the remarks of a succession of speakers, to yearn for him to announce direct action to assist ailing

Instead, the Chancellor's priority was to reassure the markets that ERM withdrawal meant no weakening of the government's resolve to hold down inflation. This was warmly welcomed by leading pro-Europeans in the cabinet. Kenneth Clarke, home secretary, described Mr Lamont's speech as "very workmanlike".

Mr Lamont had been expected to wait until next Monday to announce his monetary policy but as he made his speech, he also released a letter to the Commons Treasury and Civil Service committee in which he set out his plans to establish for the first time a specified target

The long-term aim is a rate of 2 per cent or less, while for the remainder of this parlia-

The Chancellor's

will not end the

recession, rally his party or even protect sterling, says Anatole Kaletsky

sible outside the ERM. Although a further half-point

reduction may still be on the

cards in the near future, the voices arguing in the cabinet

for a much bolder strategy to

end the recession have clearly

if the Chancellor thought

that by disappointing the pub-

lic and the Conservative Party

he would impress his other audience — the City and world

financial markets - he proba-

bly failed in this respect, too.

Although the pound and the stockmarket fell only slightly

in response to Mr Lamont's

comments, that was probably

not the end of the financial

markets' reaction. As one of

the world's top investment

managers remarked. Mr

Lamont confirmed that the

British economy would re-

main stuck in a state of limbo

between outright recession

and proper recovery for the

In fact, the Chancellor's

caution may inadvertently

have offered reassurance to investors who wished to con-tinue seiling sterling. Every

investor knows that the gov-

ernment will continue to cut

interest rates gradually until

the economy starts to recover. But as in America, where

borrowing costs have been

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foreseeable future.

been over-ruled.

**Chancellor skirts** 

the big issues

ment he has set the objective of keeping underlying inflation (excluding mortgage interest payments) within a range of 1 to 4 per cent.

Interest rates will be set to meet that objective, and Mr Lamont would use a range of indicators including house prices and the exchange rate in making his judgment, al-though he would not set an exchange rate target.

But the Treasury's letter made clear that no new monetary targets would be intro-duced, although a "monitoring range" for broad money might be announced in the Autumn Statement in mid-

At the heart of fiscal policy will be even deeper cuts than expected in public spending. including a severe squeeze on public sector pay. But he gave no further details and did not suggest that economies in public spending might be balanced by lower interest

The unusually passionate debate had seen the Chancellor under fierce attack from party members. Ministers were accused of kicking Tory supporters in the teeth and killing small businesses.

Mr Lamont upset one section of his audience by at least leaving open the option of one day returning to the ERM although he said that Britain's conditions were "unlikely to be satisfied soon".

Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, said the speech was "a rehash of the old monetarist targets that failed

The stock market yesterday registered only mild enthusiasm, while sterling firmed against the mark on foreign exchange markets.

The governor of the Bank of Bugland, Robin Leigh-Pemberton, in a speech to the CBI last night, endorsed the government's policy frame-work, and defended the decision to pull sterling out of the ERM. The FT-SE 100 Index closed at its day's best at 2,538.81, a 21.7 points rise.

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# Dismay as house prices

By Rachel Kelly, property correspondent

HOUSE prices fell by at least understood to be at least 2.8 per cent in September, the biggest-ever monthly fall and equivalent to a one-third cut

The precise figure will be issued today in the respected



double the 1.4 per cent fall recorded earlier this month by the Nationwide index, based

on a smaller sample. The news will be a further blow to the housing market, and will plunge many more people into negative equity, in which their home is worth less than their mortgage. Already, more than a million owners have negative equity.

The news was received with anguish by estate agents, who had looked in vain to Norman Lamont's Conservative conference speech yesterday to pro-vide some help for the market, which, for the first time since the second world war, has suffered a reduction in sales for four consecutive years. A sharp drop in house sales was recorded by estate agents last month. The biggest agents, including Hambro Countrywide, TSB Property

effectively stopped, and September is traditionally our best month for sales."

cessive years of reduced sales.

# Enter stage left: Santa Margarita

By MATTHEW PARRIS IN BRIGHTON

Even the sea was calm, the streets hushed. Pennants hung motionless in the still air. Dawn crept up silent, in windless suspense — "breathless", as Wordsworth says, "with adoration". Brighton was waiting for Baroness Thatcher.

There were police everywhere. At every corner and on every rooftop, trained marksmen, there for her protection, scanned the horizon. Some looked out to sea, in case it should part to reveal her. Some looked up into the sky, lest the lady Lieutenant Colonel of the Parachute Regiment should come that way.

When would she arrive? How? Nobody knew.

Wild rumours swept the town. One story had it that she had cancelled and left the country;

another that she would helicopter in with a barnstorming speech; yet another that she was already in Brigh-ton — had been here all week under deep cover — by day, in disguise, with Elvis Presley, battering haddock in a fish-and-chip

with all those marksmen, would have got her

"You'd think

shop — by night plot-ting with Lord Tebbit. Everybody had his own theory. Your sketchwriter followed the most timid and accepted that she might arrive as mortals do, in a car, at the main entrance. Along with 50 other journalists, I waited there, from breakfast. Uniformed men with guns lined each floor of the car park opposite. "You'd think with all those marksmen someone would have got her," quipped a passing MP, not a million miles from the government, to me. A cynical bunch, Tories. New rumours spread among us. One was that she had negotiated permission to deliver a speech

she had negotiated permission to deliver a speech of four sentences. Press men speculated . . . "No.

We discussed a theory that Lady Thatcher was helpless, out of touch, and a prisoner of desperate men "using" her for their own political purposes: and another — that she had herself started this rumour to distance herself from measures she must take. Or were her friends just trying to shift the blame? As we argued over her true nature, the real woman sank beneath the vapours of claim and counter-claim. Lady Thatcher approaches the status of Eva Perón, Mother Teresa or Buddy Holly. A faction will never believe it when she dies. A faction believes she already has,

As we argued, we noticed a change in the type of representative arriving. Gerald Howarth, MP, her triend, stationed himself at the door. Tall Continued on page 18, col 3

# have biggest monthly dip

Platform pals: Baroness Thatcher and John Major putting up a united front yesterday

over a vear.

Halifax price index. It is

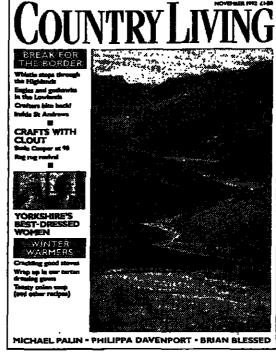


Services and Halifax Estate agents, report sales were down by about 40 per cent compared to last September. Harry Hill, managing director of Hambro Countrywide, one of the top ten estate agents, said: "The figures are deeply disappointing. The housing market

Lenders say that a rise in sales is needed before any increase in prices. In previous housing slumps, there have never been more than two suc-

Peter Kelsey, managing dir-Continued on page 18, col 6

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# Tallest stories find a home from home in the record breaker

By JOHN YOUNG

ANYONE short of ideas for children's Christmas presents might try to get hold of a copy of last January's issue of Hong Kong Toys. Running to 1,356 pages, it is said to be the largest periodical ever

For this information we are indebted to that invaluable and entertaining compendium of natural phenomena and human achievements, The Guinness Book of Records, which makes its annual appearance today. The 1993 edition, the 39th, contains some 15,000 items, of which about a fifth are updated or

Among the latter are a num-ber of feats that, one suspects, owe their status to never having been attempted before. For example, while one is happy to appland Ashrita Furman for walking 98.2km with a milk bottle balanced on his head, one is also inclined

to wonder why.

Of course, the book records the serious as well as the silly. Among the more notable achievements was the raising last February of the wreckage of a crashed helicopter from the bed of the Pacific at a depth of 17,251ft. It may also

included for the first time. be useful to know that Britain's oldest authenticated centenarian is Charlotte Hughes, of Redcar, Cleveland, who was born on August 1, 1877: or even that the novelist Barbara Taylor Bradford was last May paid an advance of £17 million.

> What, however, ofPhilip Artingstall, of Portrush, co. Antrim, who tossed a pancake 283 times in two minutes? Among the more spectacular feats was that of Ralf Laue. who managed to hold 310 playing cards in a fan in one hand, with the value and colour of each being visible.

#### linked to a series of attempted child abductions in the Gorbachev

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# evicted

Mikhail Gorbachev stood defiantly on the steps of his offices as he was evicted by police acting on the orders of President Yehsin and declared: "Yesterday I said that the president is incapable of doing his job. As you can see, he has shown what he is capable of."..... Page 11

#### Girl killed

A girl aged seven was found clubbed to death in a derelict recording studio in Sunder-land after disappearing from outside her home. Police believe the killing may be

#### Ford cuts Ford has cut prices for the

#### third time this year as car

sales continue to slump. Some prices are being cut by up to £2,000 ......Page 6 Pits to close

The normally moderate Democratic Union of Mineworkers has called for a general strike to save the mining industry as British Coal prepared to announce that more than half of Britain's remaining pits are to

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# **UDM** demands general strike over closure of 20 more pits

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

A LEADER of the usually moderate Union of Democratic Mineworkers called yesterday for a general strike to save the mining industry, as sources confirmed that British Coal has picked next Wednesday to announce the closure of more than half the country's

Neil Greaterex, Nottinghamshire president of the union, said that it would be ludicrous for miners to strike on their own because there were 12 months of coal stocks at power stations and six months at pitheads. "What we need is a general strike." he said. "It is not just miners' jobs at stake here. A concerted effort is needed from every worker in the country."

The National Union of Mineworkers, the country's biggest mining union, which meets next Thursday to dis-cuss strike action, called last night for the resignation of Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade. Mr Heseltine later admitted that difficult and uncomfortable decisions will have to be made.

British Coal, which is being slimmed down ahead of its privatisation, planned for 1994, is expected to announce that 20 pits are to close and a further 10 closures could follow. It is also expected to announce that more than 25,000 miners will lose their

OUTPUT

reached with the Treasury for a new redundancy package.

The NUM criticised Mr
Heseltine for alleged comments that decisions were being forced on the government because of the coal industry's lack of perfor-mance Frank Cave its vicepresident, said that Mr Heseltine's comments on productivity were "quite simply untrue". He said: "Either he is seeking deliberately to mislead the public or he is appallingly ignorant about the coal indus-try. In either case, those re-

should resign. Mr Cave said that British Coal had announced record £170 million profits after a huge increase in productivity. The NUM claimed that the cost of the pit closure plans would be £2.1 billion.

marks on a question of such

great importance raise serious

doubts about his stewardship of the coal industry and he

According to a letter leaked to NUM president Arthur Scargill last month, a total of 25,000 mining jobs would be lost through the pit closures. The union estimates a further 50,000 jobs in related indus-

Unemployment benefit and lost taxation would cost £600 million a year. "The social consequences of the planned closures in our coalfields will be catastrophic - and the British people will pay for it,"

THE COAL INDUSTRY SINCE NATIONALISATION

OUTPUT PER MAN-YEAR Tornes



Bitter cup: retired Grimethorpe miners Fred Barrowclough, left, and Jack Derbyshire wait for news

Mr Cave said. "When our delegates meet next week to consider what action should be taken to halt this senseless destruction, they will have the future of the coal industry and the jobs of our members in the forefront of their minds."

British Coal is expected to say next week that the Treasury has agreed to reinstate redundancy terms in force between March 1990 and March this year. Under these terms, miners over the age of 30 were paid lump sums of between £2.500 and £10,000 on top of their other redun-

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(Colliery industrial)

dancy terms. Since March the scheme in operation pays up to £27,000 depending on age and length of service.

British Coal refused to com-

ment on the announcement or on the redundancy package. We have no statement about our intentions and when we have something to say we will say it. In the meantime all these reports are speculation."

Robin Cook, shadow trade okesman, said yesterday that the pit closures would lead to rising unemployment and a deeper recession. He called for any announcement to be delayed until the House of Commons was sitting.
"We would roundly con-

demn any announcement

timed for next week, only one week before Parliament returns, as a cynical attempt to get the decision out at a time when Parliament cannot call ministers to account," he said. The closures would damage Britain's chances for recovery and burden local communities with high levels of unemploy-ment, he said. The cost of redundancies would be higher than paying out mining subsi-dies. "I will be calling on Michael Heseltine to halt the closures and to delay any announcement till Parliament

#### **Community prepares** for a bleak future

By Paul Wilkinson

LIKE men rearranging deck chairs as the Titanic went down, council staff were hard at work yesterday laying a smart red-brick pavement opposite the turn into

Grimethorpe colliery.

The fact that next week the pit's closure was likely to be announced seems to have no bearing on their labours, but it will need more than bright new footpaths to lift the gloom tha has already descended on this South Yorkshire mining village. There is ironic amusement locally that the money to pay for the work on the village's dowdy main street comes from EC grants made

after the last closures. Aiready two of the dozen or so small shops are boarded up and traders expect the local economy to collapse once the pit shuts. Margaret Bedford, whose family hardware shop has served the village for a quarter of a century, said: "It's the community I feel sorry for. It got an undeserved bad reputation after the 1984 miners' strike, but the

ly good people. The young will be worst off, they get such a poor view of themselves, there's nothing left to work for. The economics of it all are just a nonsense. We produce some of the cheapest deep-mine coal in the world and then we let in cheap

Grimethorpe is one of the bigger pits in the South York-shire coalfield, extracting almost one million tons a year from beneath the shallow valley north of Barnsley which

winding towers and enclosed conveyer belts bulk large on the skyline, but the biggest landmark is the single cooling tower of the power station which, until this year, used much of the pit's outpit. That closed this summer, leaving Grimethorpe struggling to

A Coalite factory and industrial fuel plant next door, which process supplies from Grimethorpe and nearby Houghton Main, must surely

The axe has been poised over Grimethorpe since March, when British Coal first put the pit's production under review. As a result resignation has, by now, all but replaced anger and militancy. Ken Hancock, the pit's NUM branch secretary, refuses, Canute-like, to discuss what he describes as just another ruwelfare club they are not so

There, men already on the dole while away their time with a hand of cards and a slowly swallowed pint. came out with a good deal and tried setting up in my own business but the recession screwed me," Tony Kilburn, a collier who took redundancy six years ago, said. "These men will be coming out with

it dominates. Nearly 800 men work there, a fraction of the number once employed between the wars at the peak of its hundred-year existence. Its

find new markets.

face the same fate.

worse terms than I got and there's nothing for them

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Prisoner in murder case escapes police

A prisoner escaped from a police van yesterday as he was about to be delivered to court for a hearing on charges linked to murder (Stewart Tendler writes). Scotland Yard detectives hunting him last night said he was "violent and extremely

Tyrone Evans, aged 28, below right, was whisked away from Sutton Magistrates' Court in south London by two men in a waiting Renault 5 Turbo car. The Yard warned the public not to approach him but report any sightings to police. Earlier this week, a prisoner armed with a knife and ammonia tried to escape from another court in the area and was stopped by police. Nine police and prison officers were

injured in that incident but no one was injured yesterday. Evans was arriving at court for a remand hearing after being charged last month with dismembering and disposing of the body of Stephen Davison, with intent to impede the prosecution of two men facing murder charges. Mr Davison, from Swindon, Wiltshire, disappeared last May. According

to police. Evans made his escape bid as the police van carrying him drove into the yard at the court after bringing him from High Down prison in Surrey. He was escorted by one policeman and was not handcuffed. Evans attacked his guard, leapt from the van and squeezed through the gap between the van and the court wall before running to the waiting high-perfor-



#### Docked pay contested

Probation officers are to seek a High Court injunction in an effort to stop the Home Office and employers from docking the pay of staff taking industrial action over their wage claim. The threatened cuts of 15 per cent amount to about E50 a week for the average probation officer. The National Association of Probation Officers decided to take industrial action after employers rejected their 7 per cent pay claim. They offered 4.1 per cent to staff who co-operate with new duties under the Criminal Justice Act. Helen Schofield. chairwoman of the association, told its conference in Eastbourne: "The employers' response to the industrial action is intimidatory and insulting."

#### Air insurance to rise

Airlines around the world face big increases in insurance premiums after the recent spate of air accidents. The El Al crash in Amsterdam is estimated to have incurred liabilities of about £215 million, of which London companies have about 40 per cent. About a third of that is borne by Lloyd's. Any increases are unlikely to come into effect until next year and are not expected to be big enough to warrant fare rises.

Meanwhile, investigators in Amsterdam have stepped up
the hunt for the crashed plane's cockpit voice recorder,
which could prove more valuable than the badly damaged flight data recorder now being examined at the Royal Aircraft Establishment at Famborough, Hampshire.

#### Margarine under attack

People concerned with healthy eating may be doing themselves no favours by substituting margarine for butter. Research in America, confirmed by the US agriculture department, has found that oils used in margarine can raise cholesterol levels in exactly the same way as the saturated fats found in butter or meat. The villains are substances converted into spreadable products by adding hydrogen atoms. Professor Michael Oliver, director of the Wynn Institute for Metabolic Research in London, said: "What we need now is more research into how much of these materials there is in food."

#### **News Corp joins Canal**

Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation has joined Canal Plus, Europe's largest pay television company, to develop new satellite television services for European viewers. The 50-50 partnership will explore all future broadcasting technologies such as digital compression, which promises to bring viewers hundreds of channels. A working group, led by Gus Fischer. News Corporation's chief operating officer, and Mark Tessier, managing director of Canal Plus's overseas operations, is to negotiate agreements on programming, technology and strategy. Both firms said yesterday that they will begin operations with a partner in each European country as soon as the new technologies are available.

#### Appeal backs mother

The mother of a motor cyclist killed when he was hit by a van driven through red traffic lights has won the right to challenge a coroner's decision not to call a jury at the inquest into his death. Yesterday's ruling by the Court of Appeal marked the latest round in a battle by Brigitte Chandhry, of Willesden, northwest London, over the death of her son Mansoor, 26, in south London, in October 1990. She argues that such deaths are preventable and that relatives of victims are outraged by the law's attitude.

#### BR figures it out

British Rail is about to introduce evening classes on how to read and understand timetables. Among the first to attend will be Lisa Clark, a BR spokeswoman, who admitted yesterday that she found the whole business a bit of a struggle. "Lots of people are like me, in that they see columns of numbers and can't figure out exactly what they see," she said. "So by setting up the course we can help people by showing them how to read a timetable properly, so they don't miss their train."

# DEEP MINE THE THIRTY PITS

## Brown asks Major for credible policy

GORDON Brown, the shadow chancellor, yesterday challenged John Major to use his conference speech today to announce an emergency programme for national recovery after Norman Lamont's failure to offer a credible econom-

As the shadow economic team reopened its broadside on the government's handling of the economy. Mr Brown said Mr Lamont's speech in Brighton contained nothing to stop unemployment from rising or businesses from becoming bankrupt.

There was nothing new for the economy other than a rehash of the old monetarist targets that failed in the 1980s, together with a further round of public spending cuts that will destroy jobs." Mr

A vengeful Labour party has fallen upon the Chancellor's speech, writes Jill Sherman

to close

Brown said. The only new target was Mr Lamont's abandonment of zero inflation and he had failed to clarify a policy on exchange rates. Mr Brown said at a Westminster news conference.

Mr Brown was joined by Harriet Harman, shadow treasury secretary. Robin Cook, shadow trade and industry spokesman, and Frank Dobson, shadow employment spokesman, who all rounded

on the government's dismal

Mr Lamont's remarks were designed to save his own job rather than those of others, Mr Brown said. Pupils, parents, patients and consumers of public services would pay instead for his mistakes on Black Wednesday.

Mr Brown called on the prime minister to implement an industry policy based on investing in machinery, education and training; to stimulate the housing market and to remove the fear of rising unemployment through an emergency jobs programme.

He challenged Mr Major over his remarks that all public spending promises in the Conservative manifesto would be honoured and his pledges that tax cuts would be made year

on year.
The truth is that Britain is now the victim of a govern-ment which has lost any direction, purpose or strategy and is more interested in appeasing factions in the Tory party than pursuing the nat-

Ms Harman said the Tories had promised "the earth" in their manifesto in the run-up to the general election. They promised more money for the NHS, tax cuts, reduced taxes on business and more nursery places, to maintain mortgage tax relief and to invest £6 billion in new roads. "Norman Lamont should admit that the Tory manifesto has already been abandoned."

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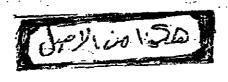
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# Trinidad's quiet man wins the Nobel Prize

THE 1992 Nobel Prize for Literature was awarded to Derek Walcott of Trinidad

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In awarding the \$1.2 million (£710,000) prize, the Swedish Academy said Walcott "has both African and European blood in his veins". In him, the academy declared, "West Indian culture has found its great poet".

The first West Indian to receive the literature prize, Walcott, 62. was preferred over such distinguished writers as Günter Grass and Marguerite Duras. After Graham Greene's death last year, no British writers were seri-ously considered for the prize. The playwright Timberlake

Wertenbaker last night described the award as "wonderful". "Derek Walcott has done for the West Indies what James Joyce did for Dublin," she added.

Walcott himself reacted modestly to the announce-ment remarking that he had "hoped and expected that either V. S. Naipaul or Seamus Heaney would get the prize". Heaney, like Walcott, teaches in the English department at Boston

Many were surprised that Walcott's fellow-Trinidadian Naipaul (a far more widely known writer) had been passed over. It may have helped Walcott's chances that there happened to be a production of one of his plays, The Last Carnival, at the main Stockholm theatre.

Daniel Johnson profiles the West Indian poet who adds another trophy to his collection

entirely unexpected. When Walcott won the W. H. Smith Literary Award last year for his poem in rhyming hexameters, Omeros
— which relocates the Homeric epics in Walcott's birthplace of St Lucia — the judges took bets about how long it would take for the poet and drama-tist to win the Nobel Prize. Yesterday Walcott fulfilled

their hopes and those of countless other West Indians. Walcott can boast nearly three dozen plays and a dozen volumes of poetry. Despite his successes, including the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1988, he has never been regarded in Britain as a mainstream playwright or

The most recent production of a Walcott play in this country was The Odyssey (still in repertoire at The Other Place, Stratford). Benedict Nightingale, theatre critic of The Times, thought "the evening needed more magic, less reductive modernity." He "Must updating Homer really mean making him politically correct?"

Derek Walcott has always been conscious that he could not be true to his poetic

time satisfying the demands of radical West Indians. I have no nation now but the imagination, he wrote in 1977. Omeros makes considerable use of dialect: Homer appears as a blues singer.

But Walcott has neverthe less been snubbed by radical West Indian critics for his strict adherence to the Queen's English in most of his works. He once wrote: Someone on the outskirts of the Empire can sometimes be more shirred by the immediacy of the English language than a schoolboy in England."

Only a few of Walcott's plays have been seen in Britain, mainly due to the shortage of experienced black actors. They include *Dream* on Monkey Mountain (performed at the Royal Court) and The Joker of Seville, commissioned like The Odyssey, for the RSC, besides Viva Detroit, which was performed at the Tricycle Theatre earlier

Walcott owes much of his success in Britain to the director Yvonne Brewster. who worked with Walcott in the Trinidad Theatre Workshop, which he founded in 1959. Most of his dramatic works share a common con-cern with the West Indian colonial past and with classical mythology, with such modern themes as Rastafarianism (O Babylon!) and the steel band (the recent musical Steel).

the spirit of the Greek epic. but blithely admitted his ignorance of the original: "I have not read all of Homer. Per-But Walcott has always haps if I knew his writing well

I would not have dared to seen poetry, rather than the theatre, as his true calling. In Omeros (1990, published by Faber in paperback at £9.99). he used complex verse forms and French patois to resurrect who never ascended in an

adapt it. The idea would have seemed pompous."

1 sing of quiet Achille, Afolabe's son.

who had no passport, since the horizon needs none . . . Walcott's Collected Poems 1948-1984 constitutes a body

of work that caused his Bos- For example: There is no sea ton colleague, the Nobel laureate Joseph Brodsky, to praise him as "the best poet the English language has today". His subject matter ranges over the history of literature and landscapes from the Caribbean to Wales.

Another bouquet: Derek Walcott speaks to his literary agent from his home in Massachusetts yesterday after hearing the news of his award

as restless as my mind. But he also concentrates great passion into a few sharp phrases: I who have cursed/ The drunken officer of British rule, how choosel Between this Africa and the English tongue I love? Walcott has a great gift for

After years of wandering around the world. Walcott

the Windward Isles, where he writes when he is not teaching at Boston. There he has long been a national hero, to whose reputation even the wealth and prestige conferred by the Nobel Prize can scarceadd much lustre

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# Police warn parents after girl is battered to death

By LIN JENKINS

POLICE investigating the murder of a girl aged 7, who disappeared from outside her home on Wednesday, believe that her death may be linked to a series of attempted child abductions in the area over the past few weeks The battered body of Nikki

Allen was found in a corner of a derelict recording studio on a busy high street by a neigh-bour yesterday just as the missing child's grandparents were about to broadcast an appeal for help in tracing her. She had been clubbed to

Det Supt George Sindair with a blunt instrument. At this stage it is impossible to say until after the post-mortem examination whether she was the victim of a sexual act." Police warned parents in the area to be on their guard and not to let their children wander off alone

Nikki disappeared at 9.50pm on Wednesday from outside the ground-floor flat in Wear Garth, Sunderland, Tyne and Wear, where she lived with her mother and sisters Stacey, 8, Zara, 4, and Naomi, 2.

Her family told police that she had been with her mother in her grandparents' flat on the second floor when she was told to run home. Her mother looked over the balcony and saw her daughter three doors away from their home. When she followed a minute later. Nikki had vanished.

The family searched for two hours, thinking that she may have wandered off, and then



Nikki: disappeared from within yards of her home

30 officers, some using dogs, and the Northumbria police heliconter searched throughout the night.

Early yesterday morning they found her shoes and purple jacket by the side of the Wear. Shortly afterwards, a neighbour helping in the search found her body in an empty and vandalised building, last used as a recording studio, in High Street West. The child's grandparents, Jenny and Richard Prest, had been about to broadcast a description of Nikki in the hope that someone had seen her. It was they who identified the body as her parents, who are separated, were too dis-

traught.
Over the past few weeks. several attempts at snatching children in the Sunderland and Durham area have been reported to the police. Two girls aged seven and nine were abducted by a man in South Hylton, Sunderland, eight

weeks ago and were driven around before being released. Last week a boy was offered offered sweets and a ride in a car by a man who approached him in Doxford Park, Sunder-land. The boy ran off.

Neighbours described Nikki as a happy and helpful girl. Mary Soames, 77, a neighbour of her grandparents, said: "How could anyone do this to such a sweet little girl? Whoever did it needs to

be caught and strung up.
"She was a lovely little girl, she was always happy and smiling. Everybody knew her. She often came to see me to go miss her. She was a treasure. Her grandparents thought the world of her. They must be heartbroken.

Feelings were running high on the estate yesterday, with parents threatening to take the law into their own hands. One father, who declined to give his name, said: "If the police don't catch this child killer, we

Bill Cairns, acting head-master at St John's and St Patrick's RC primary school, where Nikki was a pupil, said that many of the children were in tears. "The children are very distressed. They have seen and heard the news reports and word quickly

"Everyone on the estate is frightened and shocked. We stress to the children that they should not go off with strang-ers and I don't think Nikki would be the sort of child to do that. She would not have gone

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#### Inquest jury seeks study of hospital

AN INQUEST jury yesterday demanded enquiries into the running of a hospital where a patient died on a drug rehahilitation programme.

The jury returned an open verdict on David Lang, 35, who died at the Lister Hospital. Stevenage, Hertfordshire, where there have been 11 deaths and suicide attempts since April. A jury statement said: "We want a police investigation into the availability of drugs. We want the level of staffing to be examined. We want all staff on duty in the psychiatric wing to be identified in future and security of the wing to be looked into." More frequent testing of patients on the detoxification programme was also requested.

On Wednesday, the same jury at Hitchin coroner's court recommended an enquiry into staffing levels at the Lister when returning a suicide verdict on a patient who fell to his death from the seventh floor.

Mr Lang's sister. Lorraine Rowe, alleged that he was supplied, in hospital, with methadone, a heroin substitute.

#### St Paul's sky-diver escapes prosecution

By KATE ALDERSON

102 feet from the Whispering Gallery in St Paul's Cathedral in front of tourists and a preacher yesterday escaped prosecution under a nineteenth century church law because of a legal technicality. City of London magistrates

A parachutist who jumped

withdrew the charge under the Ecclesiastical Courts Jurisdiction Act of 1860 because Russell Powell should have been charged within six months of the jump on October 18, 1990.

Mr Powell, 24, a former Royal Marine, who claims to have made 180 such jumps since 1988, still faces a charge of climbing on or being upon the girders and parapets of Tower Bridge following an alleged jump from the bridge in June. The case was adjourned until November 24.

The charge was ridiculous." Mr Powell said outside court yesterday. "St Paul's is open to the public. I've never hurt anyone and I've never done anything criminal. Base jumping — from buildings. antenna spans and earthbound objects — is about leaving footsteps and taking photographs. I will make more jumps in the future." Mr Powell watched his friend Darren Newton, a fellow Base-jumper, leap to his death from the top of the 28storey Hilton Hotel in Park

Lane earlier this year and said that Mr Newton's father would "never get over his son's death". Accompanied by Jane Watterson, his girl friend, Mr Powell claimed afterwards that the St Paul's jump was a world first for low-level parachuting "I do a jump just

about every week. I've got my

eye on the NatWest Tower,

but I haven't found a way up to the top yet. "I must stress that I would not recommend anyone to do this. There's a huge amount of training and preparation. Some jumps take three months of planning. Jumping is an adrenalin kick. What you have got is intense terror being transferred into intense clation in a moment." He stad

he did not have a death wish.

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Solicitors ignore voluntary code

# Law Society confronts racism and sexism

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

stamp out racism and sexism in the solicitors' profession are being proposed by the Law Society after the failure of law firms to act voluntarily to eradicate discrimination.

The society put forward a package of reforms yesterday, including recommended recruitment targets for trainees from the ethnic minorities, after acknowledging that its 1988 code of practice on equality had not worked. dence of discrimination.

The proposals, on which the profession will be consulted. include a new rule that outlaws discrimination and requires solicitors to operate an equality policy; and a revamped code of conduct tackling the most common areas of discrimination in a solicitors' practice.

Firms are recommended by the society to adopt targets for the employment of solicitors from the ethnic minorities.

ing on size of firm: big firms would be encouraged to reach a target of 10 per cent of trainees from the ethnic mi-norities by 1995. Henry Hodge, Law Society council member, said: "We have identified that the problems

we hoped would be addressed are still continuing."

Some 14 per cent of students going through law schools were from the ethnic minorities and the proportion was rising, he said. There is a great deal of evidence, some statistical, far more anecdotal, that they have far greater difficulty getting training con-tracts [articles]."

On average, ne said, a would-be solicitor from the ethnic minorities had to make double the applications that any other student would make. The proposed policy also covers women, particular-ly their treatment if they have children, and solicitors with disabilities. The society is proposing to tighten its previous

in 1988. That code of practice would be upgraded to a practice rule, requiring firms to operate a policy against discrimination, even sole practitioners or those working part time from home.

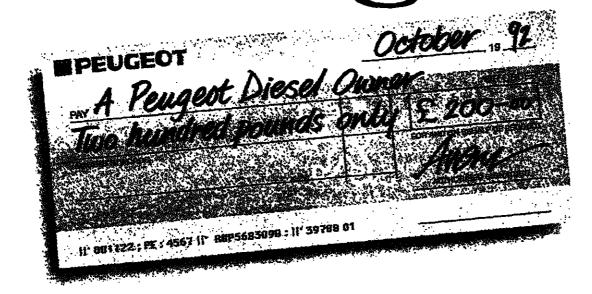
A breach of the rule would incur disciplinary sanctions. The society says it has a duty to act in the public interest in regulating its members, and action against discrimination falls into that category. The existence of a rule would also make it easier for victims of discrimination to seek redress.

Mr Hodge emphasised that the recommended targets were not quotas, which would be unlawful. The society is recommending that small firms of between five and ten fee earners should have at least one fee earner from the ethnic minorities and that big firms should have at least 10 per cent of their trainees and 5 per cent of other fee earners from ethnic minorities. The trainee target should be met within



Award winner: Rosemary Thompson, right, of Salisbury, Wiltshire, is congratulated by her daughter Sara after winning Woman's Weekly magazine's "Carer of the Year" competition. Mrs Thompson, who works full-time and cares for her husband who has multiple sclerosis, was nominated for her work with the Multiple Sclerosis Society. She wins £5,000 for the charity and £1,000 for herself

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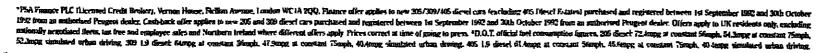
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#### 'Benign' HIV gives Aids hope

By Alison Roberts

DOCTORS have identified a new, non-virulent strain of HIV that they hope will be vital in the development of a

Five people who received blood transfusions from the same HIV-positive man, and who remain symptom-free up to ten years later, appear to have a type of HIV that does not cause Aids-related illnesses. Aids usually develops within seven to ten years after infection with HIV. Australian doctors report that the HIV-positive homosexual, who may have been infected as early as 1978, has remained well. The man gave infected blood be-tween 1982 and 1984. The live recipients, who did not know that they were HIV-positive until up to six and a half years after their transfusions, show no clinical signs of

The report, published in today's edition of The Lancet, says that the evidence of the HIV strain "will be vital for the development of effective vaccine strategies". The doctors, from New South Wales, call on others to find similar groups of symptomiess people. There would then be hope of finding out more about the

disease process.
It is already believed that the strain of HIV that exists in Africa is different to that in Europe. Doctors think that Europe is host to a less virulent and less easily transmittable strain, explaining why the predicted European epidemic has so far failed to materialise. Relatives of women with breast cancer are more likely to develop prostate, ovarian and uterine cancer, according to an Icelandic study, published in this week's British Medical Journal, showing that increased susceptibility to some forms of the disease is genetically inherited.

#### Vets face criticism on cruelty

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE ...

CORRESPONDENT ETS were accused of holding double standards yesterday by allowing farm animals to suf-

Joyce D'Silva, director of Compassion in World Farming, asked: "Where are the vets speaking out at the monstrosity of the modern broiler chicken, a creature so mutilated by genetic selection and stimulated by growth-promot-ing antibiotics that only 20 per cent reach slaughter weight at six weeks old without develop-ing leg problems?"

Ms D'Silva was speaking at

accepted if inflicted on family

the annual congress of the British Veterinary Association in Harrogate, North Yorkshire, which this year was devoted to the theme of anifrom some of her audience when she accused some vets of being "closet welfarists" who were keener to "earn a pretty living by pleasing their human clients than to protect animals.

No vet, she was sure, would knowingly allow a client to keep a pet labrador chained to the ground by a girth strap or metal neck collar. Yet for years vets had condoned such methods of keeping pregnant sows and condoned the imprisoning of battery hens in cages so small they couldn't flap their

wings. Francis Anthony, the incoming association president. said animal welfare pressure groups had become "increasingly emotional and unbalanced". The veterinary oath required practitioners to address welfare problems only in the animals referred to them. We do not have the right to march on to our clients' farm and inspect all the animals unless asked to," he said.

#### How students become first among equals

By MATTHEW D'ANCONA, EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

WHEN Charles Ryder arrived at Oxford in Brideshead Revisited he was told: "You want either a first or a fourth. There is no value in anything else." But how to go about getting the coveted first?

in a new booklet published by Lancaster University, 13 graduates with first-class degrees have revealed the secret of their success and the examination techniques that won them academic laurels.

There are only three ways to get a first." argues one qualified cynic. "You buy it, you steal it or they give it to you by mistake." But hard work, conscientious lecturegoing and deft time management are cited more often than effortless superiority in this guide to cerebral success.

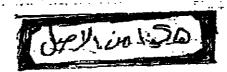
A graduate in human communication writes "Before I started my course, an established mature student advised me to do a 40-hour week. This I seldom quite achieved but the self-imposed pressure kept me feeling that I ought to

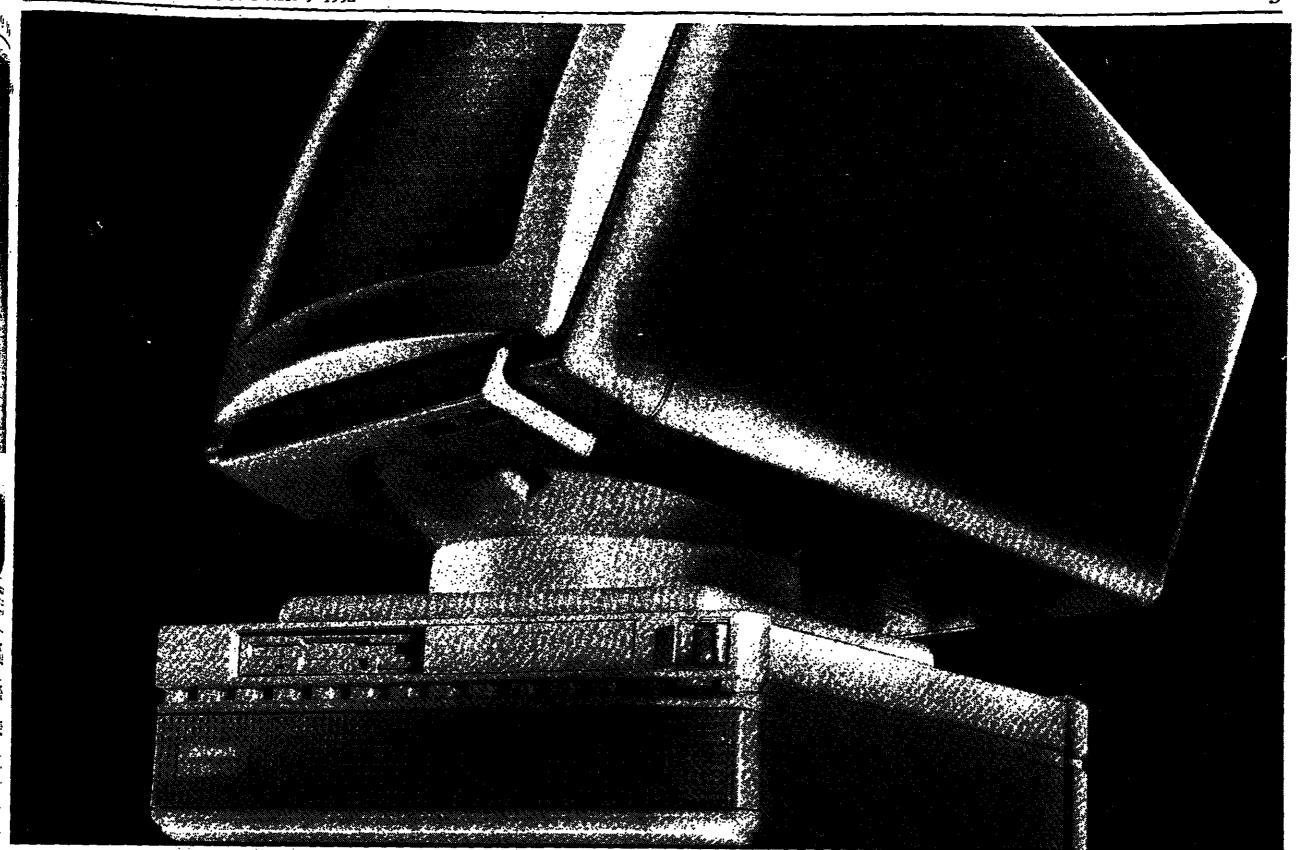
be working!" Another says he consistently worked a five-hour day to secure a first, some way off the 14 hours which Enoch Powell slaved every day at Cambridge.

At least five weeks of intensive revision before finals seems the norm among the cream of examinees, as well as a willingness to engage in mind-numbing regurgitation. One mathematics graduate would, for practice, "re-write the entire course from memory and then check the detail with the original" until be

could picture each page. Arts candidates tend to stress originality. This does not mean that only work of dazzling genius will get a first," says one literary star, "simply that candidates must be able to express their own interpretation in their own terms." But strategic choices can be as important as native wit. Go for easy coursework marks, says one graduate, and

ignore what your peers do. Not all of the graduates quoted were high-flyers at school but most had a point to prove, in one case to "strike a blow for the women's cause". Only one seems to have regrets. "A first is a distinct social embarrassment if it





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# Ford cuts prices again after losses mount

By Kevin Eason, motoring correspondent

FORD was forced yesterday to announce its third round of price cuts this year in an effort to rescue sales worth millions of pounds from slipping away because of the recession.

Executives ordered the company's 1.000 dealers to slash sticker prices by as much as £2,000 in anticipation of the most difficult three months since the recession first hit manufacturers three years ago. Ford has lost sales of more than 27,000 cars, worth an estimated £244 million, in the first nine months of the year, forcing thousands of redundancies and short-time working at its two biggest plants in the UK at Halewood, Merseyside, and Dagenham, east London.

Although sales of new cars were down by 4 per cent in September. Ford's share of the British market fell from 29.36 per cent in the same month last year to 21.63 per cent. But the company fears that the worst is not yet over and that industry sales into the new year could fall even further as uncertainty over the economy deepens. That fear drove executives to announce the biggest

models now cheaper than they were more than a year ago.

The cuts, which will last until December, mean that a Fiesta 1.11X five-door model is retailing at £7,959—£1,700 below its percent price and £1.250 leaves that the street in the stre £1,250 lower than this time last year. An Escort LX, which cost £1 1.740 in August, is now in showrooms at £10.624.

The price of the high-performance Escort RS2000 has dropped from £16,150 to just £14,000. The reductions, Ford stressed, are on selected models with present specifications. Updated styling will be introduced before Christmas. The cuts were widely seen in

the industry as a response to the refusal of the economy to revive. Ford said yesterday: We have found in the past that price cuts work. These reductions are a response to the market and we are looking to try to encourage customers back into showrooms at a time when things are looking very flat for the industry." Last week, Vauxhall an-

nounced it was cutting prices by up to £1,118 on Cavalier, Calibra and Senator models

price cuts so far with some by reducing the profit margin allowed for dealers from 17 per cent to 10 per cent.

The decision by the big car makers to continue to cut prices reinforced the decision of Nissan not to launch its new British-built Micra model into the UK market. The Japanese launched the Micra, made at Washington. Tyne and Wear, at the Paris Motor Show this week and the car, with 80 per cent of production going for export, is now on sale in France. But British buyers will have to wait until next year to see the car because Nissan says it does not want to join the

discounting war. Nissan said: There is so much happening out there at the moment with discounting and deals that we do not feel we can place the Micra into the market without adding to

the confusion."

Since the Washington factory produced its first model, a Bluebird on July 8, 1986, Nissan has increased investment in Britain to £900 million so that the plant could build both the Primera midrange car, the successor to the Bluebird, and the new Micra

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#### **Cartoonist** heads for the stars

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

A DOG with magical pow-ers, created by the British animator James Driscoll, is set to go into space as part of a goodwill mission cele-brating Columbus's discov-

ery of America.

A soft-toy replica of Digswell, a floppy-eared cartoon canine with the ability to dig holes in the ground and come up in faraway lands, will be launched by the Russians on November 20 as part of the cargo of an unmanned space mission intended to cement links between space enthusiasts in Russia and America. The plan is to splash down five days later in the Pacific off Seattle, and be picked up by

a Russian destroyer.

Digswell owes his place in the payload to the immense popularity in Russia of another series of characters by Driscoll, the Shoe People. It was the first Western animated film to be shown in Russia and attracted andiences of 70 million.



Ready for lift-off: Animator James Driscoll with his space-bound creation

#### **Fischer** shows his brilliance

BOBBY Fischer, the American chess genius, has won the sixteenth game of the "World Chess Championship" against

match by six wins to three with seven games drawn. The win-ner of this world record £2.9 million match will be the first

to win 10 games.

Fischer, using the Benoni defence, overturned a quarter of a century of chess theory.

The position after white's fourteenth move was extremely sharp and had been regarded since 1966 as favouring white. On his fourteenth move, Fischer came up with a brilliant idea that revived black's chances. By the nineteenth move, all Fischer's forces were mobilised and Spassky's king was without protection. With a few brisk strokes. Fischer demolished his opponent.

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Playing with the black pieces, he swept Spassky from the board on Wednesday night, and now leads the

The final position

#### admits crime spree A boy aged il, locked up on the orders of the health secretary because he kept absconding from council care appeared in Leeds Youth Court yesterday and admitted

Boy of 11

burgling a series of pubs, netting about £30,000. The boy, from Leeds, sat handcuffed to a policeman as the court clerk spent 30 min-utes reading the catalogue of burglaries. He admitted 11 pub break-ins and asked for a

further 17 burglaries to be taken into consideration. The boy, who cannot be named, will be sentenced next Thursday. He was remanded in custody to a secure unit.

#### IRA planted **London bombs**

The IRA yesterday admitted responsibility for two small bombs that exploded in central London on Wednesday.

The first bomb, planted in a litter bin near Piccadilly Circus, slightly injured five people. The second bomb was placed near a telephone junc-tion box close to the Centre Point base of the Confedera-tion of British Industry in New Oxford Street.

#### Baby saved

June Hinchliffe, 25, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, was in hospital with a suspected broken leg after pushing her seven-week-old baby Lorna out of the path of a runaway car. The baby was unhurt. The car's handbrake had been released by a child left alone inside, who was also unhurt.

#### Kidnap remand

Michael Sams, 50, of Sunon on Trent, Nottinghamshire, was further remanded in custody by Birmingham magistrates, charged with the murder of Julie Dart, a Leeds teenager and the kidney of teenager, and the kidnap of Stephanie Slater, a Birmingharn estate agent. He was also accused of demanding money with menaces.

#### Memorial trust

A trust fund has been established in memory of Dr Elizabeth Howe, 34, the Oxford academic murdered at an Open University summer school in York in July. It will be used to help Open Univer-sity graduates and staff work-ing in women's studies.

#### Early winners

Australian researchers have confirmed British findings that breast-fed babies are likely to be brighter than those fed by bottle. Tests showed that breast-fed babies responded more strongly to patterns on a video screen and could distinguish finer patterns.

#### Moving circles

The corn circle group Circles Phenomenon Research has moved its headquarters from Andover, Hampshire, to the United States, blaming a lack of interest by British scientists.

#### Car milestone

The Nissan car factory at Washington. Tyne and Wear, has produced its 500,000th car, six years after the plant

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# Bottomley unveils third opt-out wave

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

Despite calls from conference speakers for a ban on tobacco

advertising, however, Mrs Bottomley later ruled out such

Expanding on the aims of

the government white paper

aimed at creating a fitter and healthier population. Mrs Bottomley aunounced that the

patient's charter, establishing

the rights of NHS patients, would be extended to cover

Patients will be given details of their right to be registered

with a GP, to change doctors

and to receive emergency pri-

mary health care at any time. Announcing the third wave f hospital trusts, Mrs

Bottomley said that enthusi-asm and support for the

central part of the government's health service reforms had multiplied. The growth in

the number of patients treated

in trusts was greater than that

in other parts of the National Health Service. She insisted that NHS trusts were "better

for patients and better for

that, over the next few years,

almost all hospitals would

come forward, although she

would not commit herself to a

"I am not planning an edict. Some will take longer than others," Mrs Bottomley said.

She also underlined her

commitment to improve care

for mental illness, which she said had a "crushing destruc-

definite timetable.

The health secretary said

primary care services.

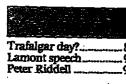
THE government took a further stride yesterday towards its goal of turning all large hospitals into self-governing units when it announced that 128 new trusts will be created next year.

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Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, also predicted that the National Health Service will escape the worst of the public spending squeeze and that budgets will grow in real terms next year.

The granting of trust status to a third wave of hospitals will mean that almost two thirds of the health service will be run by 284 trusts from next April,

After making her first speech as health secretary to the Conservative party conference. Mrs Bottomley dispelled fears that the government



might be forced to go back on its manifesto pledge that there would be an above-inflation increase in NHS spending. "It will survive. I stand by the manifesto," she told

Health spending next year is planned to increase by 3 per cent in real terms. Her remark did not eliminate the likelihood that this figure would be

Mrs Bottomley used her speech to underline her "twin goals" of achieving better quality service and better

She also pledged a full-scale commitment "to beat avoidable ill health, in particular alcohol abuse and tobaccorelated disease" The two types of illness cost

Britain 58 million working days each year, Mrs Bottomley "The NHS cannot afford the cost. Our economy cannot.

afford the cost. Individuals and families pay the price."

tive impact" on victims and their families. Mrs Bottomley also called on local authorities to behave "fairly and properly" when they take over responsibility from social services for fund-

ing community care next year.
For any Labour-run council still harbouring an ideological grudge against the independent sector, I have a ege drop it. There is no place for our-dated socialist spite when it comes to caring for the elderly and frail," the



Virginia Bottomley yesterday: "There is no place for out-dated socialist spite"

## NHS puts trust in market

ALMOST every NHS hospital will have become a trust run independently by its own board of governors within two years, if the present rate of progress continues. The health service will have been transformed from a state-run monopoly to a state-financed

The big difference for the hospitals is that they will live or die by their own success in the market. They will be free from local health authority interference but will also be without the security of its support. This freedom, which may turn out to be more theoretical than real, is intended to provide the spur to increased efficiency.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, claimed yesterday that early indications from the first and second waves of trusts, covering 156 hospitals and community units, suggested that the poli-cy was working. They had increased the number of patients treated by a higher percentage than non-trust hospitals in the first year of the reforms, she said.

However, those selected were the cream of the bunch. with the soundest financial base, the best management and the most advanced infor-

Jeremy Laurance looks at the future of the third wave of hospital trusts

mation systems. Research by the School of Advanced Ur-ban Studies at the University of Bristol in 1990 showed that the 57 hospitals in the first wave were already more efficient than the average before they became trusts. The achievements being claimed for trust status in some cases pre-date the NHS reforms.

The difficulties faced by the third wave of 120 trusts, announced by Mrs Bottomley yesterday, will be com-pounded by a squeezed NHS budget. The first and second waves were launched at a growth in the health service, which enjoyed a pre-election boom. The third wave will be launched into a period of economic gloom.

Market pressures could force hospitals to concentrate on profitable specialties and cut back on less profitable ones, reducing the service to the public. But changes are likely to be limited to the

margin. A hospital worthy of the name will have to provide a broad range of services.

in many areas of the country served by a single district general hospital, there are no opportunities for competition. Here, the chief danger is of the health authority and hospital entering too cosy a relationship from which the public would be the loser. The health department has recognised the need for supervision to prevent such collusion, probably by reconstituted regional health authorities, but ministers have still to announce what form it will take.

Outside the main conurbations, the freedom of health authorities to contract with whichever hospital they choose is likely to be limited in practice by their responsi-bility for "their" trust. Brighton could send patients to Eastbourne or Worthing but would be reluctant to bankrupt the Brighton General.

The main effects of trust status will be felt in the cities where hospitals are competing head to head and there is over-provision. The axe poised today over London's hospitals threatens those in Birmingham, Manchester and Newcastle tomorrow.

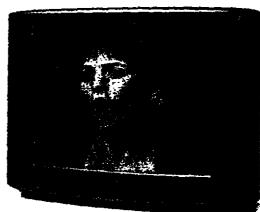
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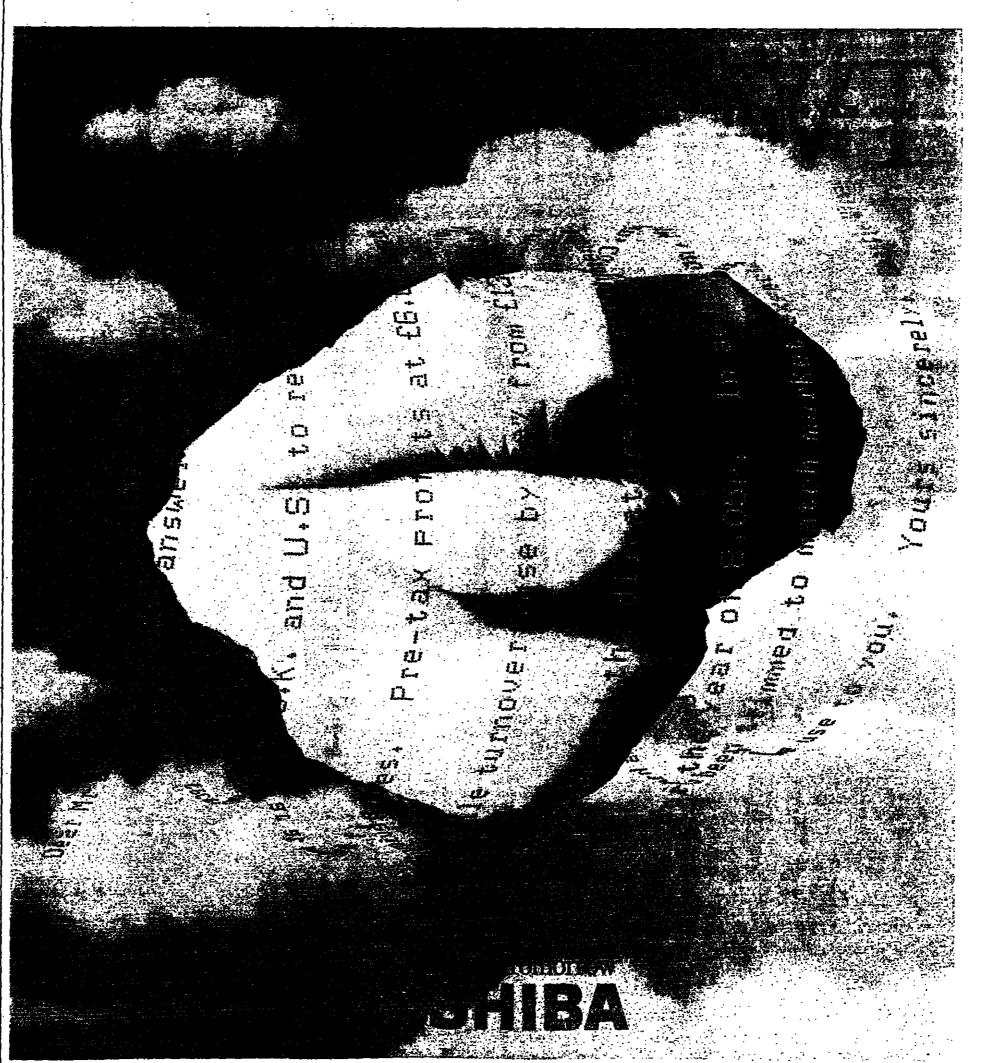
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## Rifkind seeks savings on fighter project

By ROBERT MORGAN

DEFENCE ministers from the four countries participating in the European Fighter-Aircraft project are likely to meet at the end of next month to consider the future of the project, Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, said

yesterday.
Speaking to reporters after the annual defence debate at the Conservative party confer-ence in Brighton, he said that Britain's defence chiefs were currently assessing the need for such a sophisticated aircraft in the light of changed world conditions. The aircraft was conceived before the end of the Cold war and the breakup of the former Soviet

also being made to see if money could be saved. Mr Rifkind said. He declined to be drawn on whether Britain would go it alone if Italy and Spain followed Germany's stated intention and

The Royal Air Force, the defence secretary said, would have to have a new fighter by he turn of the century.

The crucial question was whether an alternative would be available at less cost to the

the project and starting again, as the Germans seemed to want to do, would produce a cheaper aircraft, and pointed out that £5 billion bad already been spent by the four nations

on development.

Mr Rifkind told reporters he did not think the aircraft would be scrapped under the present tough public expenditure round because production was not due to start for

Speaking in the conference. Mr Riskind made clear that British troops being sent to the former Yugoslavia would be deployed solely for the

national military force to end the fighting was not a realistic option, Mr Rifkind said. He sought to reassure rep-

resentatives concerned about cuts under Options for Change that if it looked as though the army, and particularly the infantry, was being cut back too far, the country's defence needs would take priority over the need to save

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Holiday may be scrapped but what would replace it?

# May Day call from Shephard

BY ALAN HAMILTON

GILLIAN Shephard, the employment secretary, broadcast a May Day missage to the Conservative conference yesterday. The spring public holiday in honour of international socialism and working class solidarity will, if she has anything to do with it, be well and truly sunk.

Her department will shortly issue a discussion document to industry and other interested parties seeking suggestions for an alternative.

Mrs Shephard's excuse is that three public holidays stumble upon each other in a few brief weeks of spring, although she also remarked that the anniversary had been forced upon the country by the TUC in those Stone Age days of the 1970s.

It was in fact introduced by Michael Foot, as leader of the Commons during the Callaghan government, in 1978.

Union leaders quickly retorted yesterday that organised labour would continue to take May Day off whether Mrs Shephard liked

Shopfloor opinion at the Brighton conference, on the other hand, has little doubt about what it wants in its place: Trafalgar Day. Nelson

TRAFALGAR DAY 2 a passag Maastri Offen

hoisted his signal, was kissed by Hardy, defeated two other EC member states, and lost his life, on October 21, a time of year conveniently bereft of public holidays in Britain.

The employment department said yesterday that it had not exactly been besieged with suggestions for an alternative holiday, but with the impending issue of a consultation paper, and Mrs Shephard's hint that May Day should be gone by 1995, they expected that to change.

Contrary to what many Tory backwoodsmen are fond of saying to support their view of native industrial lassitude. Britain does not suffer from an overdose of public holidays. Far from it.

We have only eight, the lowest in the EC after the Netherlands. The Spanish top the league with 14, and even the supposedly industrious Germans have ten.

EC states have no plans at present to harmonise public holidays across the Community. Celebrating victory over the French and Spanish fleets at Trafalgar might not be the most felicitous way to smooth

a passage to the ratification of Maastricht. was won apple-gro of although

keeping October 21. but celebrating instead the birth of Coleridge in 1772, the first performance of Offenbach's can-can in 1858, or the first successful test of an electric light bulb in 1879.

Anniversaries around that time of year are fraught with difficulty which would not help relations between European nations at a time when they are not at an all-time high. The Battle of Hastings



Foot: founded workers' celebration in 1978

was won by a bunch of French apple-growers on October 14, although Henry V and his English bowmen redressed the balance at Agincourt on October 25.

Other Europeans countries manage a holiday in those weary fag-end times between summer and Christmas.

The French go for Armistice
Day on November 11, the
Germans for Unity Day on
October 3, and the Portugese
for Republic Day on October

The southern Catholic coun-

tries also have Immaculate Conception Day on December 8, but Britain does retain one advantage over all the others. If Christmas Day on the continent falls on a Sunday, too bad: in Britain, a public holiday falling during a weekend earns a weekday off in

If we must have a public holiday in the autumn, and we wish not to offend any European sensibilines, it would seem safest to plump for September 23, the day Themistocles held off the Persian fleet at the battle of Salamis and altered the course of European history in a manner no one could possibly argue about.



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In step: John Major steps out at the Young Conservatives' ball

# PM to take tough line with sceptics

BY SHETLA GUNN

JOHN Major asked his team of writers last night to stiffen sections of today's critical speech challenging the Eurosceptics' case against the Massricht treaty.

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Maastricht treaty.
A more "aggressive" tone is
expected to be adopted by the
prime minister in challenging
head-on the onslaughts made
by Baroness Thatcher, Lord
Ridley of Liddesdale and others. One aide said that, in spite
of a brief flirtation during the
election campaign with a new
style, Mr Major has dropped
any idea of aping the brutalistic delivery of a Lord Tebbit.
The emphasis will be on presenting himself as constant,
determined and confident.

Although a committee of his closest aides has been working on his keynote conference speech for some months, it is an inner core of speech writers which has been charged with redrafting whole swaths of the text in their suites in Brighton's Grand Hotel this week. Ironically, a crucial figure has proved to be Sir Ronald

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Millar, knighted by Lady Thatcher after spending 16 years as her speech writer. Mr Major initially eschewed Sir Ronald's skills as a phrase-maker and master of the "sound bite" last year.

the "sound bite" last year. However, at the last minute he called in the playwright to inject some gloss into his text. The result was a highly personal account of his rise from Coldharbour Lane to Downing Street but it was a speech he could make only once.

This autumn Sir Ronald was brought in from the word go to brush a light touch over parts of the speech and, also, to work on Mr Major's delivery. For the former prime minister, Sir Ronald provided many lines that have become part of the political folklore, including "The lady's not for turning". Yesterday Mr Major's aides were talking of "more jokes" being added by Sir Ronald to leaven the text.

# Thatcher is gently rebuked

BY PHILIP WEBSTER CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

In its own way the Conservative conference gently rebuked Baroness Thatcher, so often its hero. After the barrage of attacks she has unleashed at John Major's European policy, most recently yesterday morning, her sole appearance on the Brighton platform was avaited with trepidation by the leadership.

leadership.

It knew that massive acclaim for her would be interpreted as the conference's backing for the line she took in her article in The European savaging the Maastricht treaty.

- When she appeared just before the environment debate in the morning it seemed its worst fears were to be realised as a foot-stamping cheering ovation began. Representatives stood, waved their Union flags, and one flourished a "Come Back Maggie" placard.

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But the television pictures did not tell the whole story. A good quarter of the representatives stayed firmly and deliberately in their seats, many of them declining even to clap.

Last year Lady Thatcher had been cheered for nearly seven minutes, and the conference almost went out of control. This time after two and a half minutes John Mason, the chairman, had little difficulty in restoring order, and the debate was allowed to proceed. Although the indication was that Lady Thatcher would



say a few words, Mr Mason announced that Lady Thatcher "has specifically said to me that she does not want to speak".

Tory conferences have always been loyal to their leaders, as Lady Thatcher will have remembered from her last tumultuous reception in 1990, only weeks before she was deposed. Yesterday it seemed to be telling her to lay off her successor.

C ir Norman Fowler, the party chairman, had earlier prepared for the worst by suggesting that the impending ovation was little more than a show of affection. "She will be welcome here as a former leader of the party who is very much loved and respected," he said. Mr Major seemed to benefit from Lady Thatcher's attack on him. When he entered the conference some 30 minutes after her he received a warm and seemingly unanimous wel-come. He took lady Thatcher's hands kissed her on the cheek. It was a truce, but it may only

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last until today.

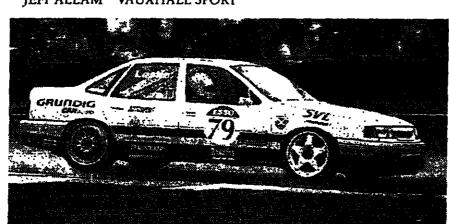
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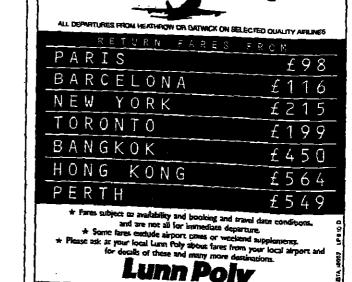
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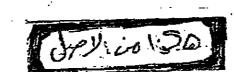
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Conquest of inflation becomes centrepiece of economic strategy outside ERM

# **Defiant Chancellor** warns of clamp on public spending

BY NICHOLAS WOOD AND RAY CLANCY

IORMAN Lamont delivered n unapologetic defence of his andling of the sterling crisis esterday and made the conuest of inflation the

olicy.
The Chancellor sought to ft the spirits of his despairing arty by insisting that the ction he was taking on inflaon, the money supply and ght control of public spendig was an answer to critics' aims that the pound's susension from the exchangette mechanism had ripped ne heart out of his strategy. He also tried to dispel some f the gloom by holding out ne prospect of tax cuts in the inger-term and by maintaining that the decision to float ie pound meant that British idustry had gained a huge impetitive advantage.

But he disappointed many presentatives by not being tore emphatic about staying ut of the ERM after the irmoil of last month. He was lso markedly less optimistic ian a couple of weeks ago bout the benefits of withrawing from the currency rid, damping hopes of more nterest rate cuts.

An austere Mr Lamont poke of his "unshakeable etermination" to stand by ionservative principles of bund money, lower taxes and and that onfidence would return to the conomy if the government tuck to its guns.

We have beaten inflation efore with a floating pound nd, with the same determnation, we will do it again. So et there be no doubt about Britain's economic policy. It is lear, it is credible and it is the ight policy for Britain. We

vill follow it to success." During his speech, the beeaguered Chancellor dislosed an unusual source of omfort during recent weeks. dolding up a postcard, he aid: "I was particularly grateul to a Mr and Mrs Evans... 'm afraid they didn't give heir address. But they sent me his postcard of a little girl ouncing up and down on her rampoline. And with it was he caption: Never give up! " Summarising the action he vas taking to flesh out policy a the light of the pound's exit rom the ERM, Mr Lamont aid he was putting in place something we have never and before — a specific. puantifiable target for inflaion". There would also be a full range of indicators gainst which to judge the tate of the economy and the rublic spending", bolstered by

a new cabinet approach announced in July.
This meant that the govern-

ment would only spend what it could afford. It was not radical, it was common sense. Mr Lamont said: "Outside the ERM, there is even more reason to keep a firm grip on public spending... In the past the annual public spending round has simply encouraged ministers to make higher and higher bids for more public money that was not there ....

That nonsense had to end. "Starting this year, there will be a ceiling for the total increase in public spending beyond which we will not go ... At a time when businesses and families have had to

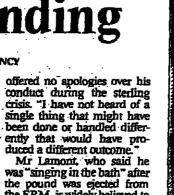
We have beaten inflation before with a floating pound and we'll do it again'

tighten their belts and weather a difficult recession, the government should be expected to do the same. This applies

above all to public sector pay." The Chancellor's uncomfortable message was that the forced devaluation of sterling must not be allowed to lead to a resurgence of inflation. "Inside or outside the ERM, our policy objective must remain the same — to bring our underlying inflation rate down to the levels enjoyed by

our major world competitors." But to a conference crying out for swift and decisive action to restore growth and boost jobs and output. Mr Lamont's failure to hold out the prospect of cheaper money and an early end to the

recession proved depressing. The Chancellor said he had no "magic wand to put things right" and maintained that other countries were in much the same boat as Britain. He



was "singing in the bath" after the pound was ejected from the ERM, is widely believed to have had reservations about membership of the currency grid. He has been applauded in the Commons by Eurosceptic MPs for his apparent cagerness to exploit the opportunities offered by a floating pound. But his attempt to appeal to

this wing of the party yester-day backfired. "Now the pound is floating," he said to shouts of "hurray" from the floor. But he was heckled with cries of "never" when he indicated that he might rejoin eventually, when it was "right for Britain".

In an unpopular defence of past policy, he said: "The last two years have not been wasted. There is not a painless way to get inflation down. We had to do what we did. We now have an excellent foundation on which to build."

But signalling that a cut in interest rates was far from imminent, he said: "I will not throw away two years hard work for two weeks' easy

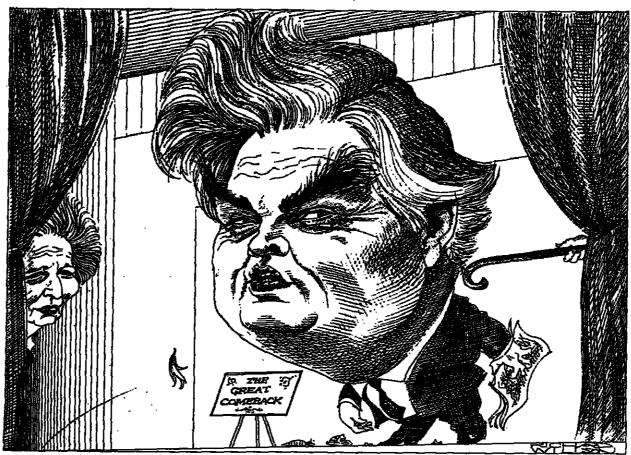
The floating of the pound meant that British exports had "suddenly gained a huge competitive advantage. Now is the time for British exporters to launch an offensive on markets in Germany, in France, in Spain and in Italy.
"Business now has the op-

portunity it has been waiting for to increase its sales, expand its turnover, improve its profits and plough the money back into more jobs and higher investment."

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Full of bounce: the card that cheered Mr Lamout



Staging a comeback: Norman Lamont finds trouble waiting in the wings at Brighton yesterday

#### Faithful demand end to Euro-marriage

By Arthur Leathley, Robert Morgan and Nicholas Wood

Drinkwater, from Chelten-

captain or navigator and a

purser who sounds unsure

how he is going to finance the

Patricia Motris (Oldham

Central and Royton), was ec-

statically received after she

began her speech: "It's the first

duty of the British government

to put British interests first. We

must not be governed by a hopelessly ambitious agenda prepared and pursued by oth-

ers. Let us return to the real

agenda for British recovery

and British jobs and British

businesses." She called for a

return to policies of the 1980s

that had brought "expanded

behind the Chancellor.

trip home".

turned on Norman Lamont

over his handling of the economy during the past two years, warning him that they would not tolerate a return to the European exchange-rate mechanism and demanding drastic cuts in interest rates to halt the rising tide of business

THE Tory faithful yesterday

In an explosion of pent-up frustration at the length and depth of the recession, speaker after speaker accused Mr Lamont of leaving the economy rudderless and failing to put British interests first. They urged a return to the freemarket policies of the early to mid-1980s.

Abandoning the usual courtesies of a Tory conference, party members subjected Mr Lamont to an assault of rare ferocity, accusing him of kicking Tory supporters "in the teeth", bleeding small busi-nesses to death and making traditional industries and firms fear for their survival.

Of the 14 speakers from the floor, only one called for an immediate return to the ERM. He was jeered and told by a heckler that he was at the wrong conference. Afterands, one minister wearily wondered what had become of the Tories' fabled conference stage-management.

The debate was marked by a rampant hostility to Brussels and the Bundesbank, with speakers winning rapturous receptions for attacks on the government's past policy of pegging sterling to the mark. Extravagant demands for cheaper loans extended to calls for as much as five percentage

ownership, a rise in living BEACTION standards and a successful Britain — hallmarks of Conpoints off the lending rate.
Only one speaker, Monica servative government until we began to flirt with member-

ham, successfully came to the Mrs Morris, who won the Chancellor's aid, winning susrare accolade for a floor speaktained applause for her rebuke er of a standing ovation. to party elders for rocking the boat and for her call for unity condemned the ERM "marnage" of 1990, saying that even the Bundesbank had struggled to satisfy "ten wives at the same time". She added: Dee-Dee Dobell, from Yeovil, said that the govern-ment was lost in fog with "no

ship of the ERM".

"Thank God for the divorce."
Stephen Hillier (Cambridge) said that the high street banks could help recovery if they adopted a position halfway between the lax days of a few years ago and the

sanctimonious piety of today. Andrew Tinney (South Eastern area) called for reductions of up to five percentage points and urged Mr Lamont: 'Don't go back into a fixed exchange-rate system in my lifetime." Peter Slater (Putney) told the conference: "We want growth in the economy and what we need is a cut in interest rates." Stephen Hammond (Stev-

enage) said the ERM had been like penicillin: it had worked as a cure for inflation at first, but now the patient had become resistant and a new cure was required.

Pat Harvey (North Corn-wall), said that small businesses would lead the economy out of recession, but they had taken a hammering and were bleeding to death. They needed help. The Chancellor should look at the uniform business rate, she said to anniause. Interest rates were far too high and there was far too much government

interference. Vernon Davies (South West Essex Euro-Council) was cheered when he said the recent disaster of the ERM had proved that "we cannot depend on the Germans when the chips are down". "Let

Britain lead and not follow." Philip Allott (Harrogate) was booed when he called for a return to the ERM and said that life had got become tougher since sterling's exit because prices were being forced up.

#### Walters predicts early return

By Shella GUNN POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

S ir Alan Walters, for-mer economic adviser to Margaret Thatcher, predicted yesterday that John Major would take Britain back into the European exchange-rate mechanism within six or nine months.

As the battle of the fringes continued, Sir Alan told a group of Euro-sceptics that the Maastricht treaty was so interlinked with the ERM that, if the prime minister backed the treaty, he must also rejoin the pegged

exchange-rate system. His speech was largely based on broadcasting an "I told you so" message, warning against the evils of closer European monetary union. He had said in 1987 that because of the perverse impact of the

#### THE ERM

ERM "roller coaster". technically the system would explode. For that, he said, he had been reviled by most Tory MPs.
Although the ERM had

blown up, presenting Brit-ain with a wonderful opportunity. Sir Alan said he feared Mr Major would be shoe-horned back into the mechanism.

S ir Leon Brittan, took a sharply contrasting view at a fringe meeting and rebuked Euro-sceptics for living in a dream world if they believed British interests were best served by rejecting Maastricht.

Britain's senior EC commissioner told a fringe meeting of the Bow Group that, far from enabling the government to defend national jobs and businesses. rejection would condemn Britain to "inglorious isolation" at the merry of every cold wind from across the Channel. He said the deal negotiated by John Major presented a rare occasion of having your cake and cating it.

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# Lamont left in limbo after speech test

Just before Norman Lamont stood up to speak yesterday, a prominent pro-European member of the cabinet said to me: "If he hedges, we're done for." As the Chancellor sat down, the minister looked across and said: "Good. He's passed the test. There was no hedging about fighting inflation." However, Mr Lamont did not satisfy many at the conference who were looking for an openly expansionist approach. He is still in

political limbo. Mr Lamont was always going to find it hard to reconcile the demands of many of the Tory rank-andfile and of the financial markets — the one looking for action to ignite recovery and the other fearful of a rekindling of inflation. In the end, he tilted more to the latter, while leaving open questions about what will happen in practice. But he left scope for some small cuts in interest rates.

The scars of the recession and of sterling's withdrawal the exchange-rate mechanism will take a long time to heal. During a remarkably open discussion yesterday, which made one minister nostalgic for the days of managed debates, several speakers complained about the impact of govern-ment policy and of higher interest rates upon small businesses. The criticism was much sharper than at the Tory party conferences during the recession of the early 1980s.

Moreover, as during Tues-day's European debate, there was an anti-German, edge to many comments. Any mention of withdrawal from the ERM was cheered



and any suggestion of re-entry was booed. And if foreigners were not being blamed, the press was. A restless mood has sur-

faced in several of the week's debates, reflecting the im-pact of the recession and a feeling that the government has lost its way. Mr Lamont provided a

partial answer yesterday. The view of the cabient majority that the government should stick to its previous European and economic strategies has prevailed. Just as the cabinet is

ous talk of zero inflation, especially as Mr Lamont left a way out if there are sharp movements in commodity prices. Zero inflation, however, has always been more a vague aspiration than a practical target and the new goals may turn out to be as demanding over the medium term. By defining the target in terms of underlying infla-tion excluding mortgage interest payments, the government will not be able to treat as a victory the likely fall in the headline inflation rate

over the winter. However, Eurosceptics disagree with what Mr Lamont said yesterday. One minister commented that the risk of higher inflation was much exaggerated and

'For the moment, the pro-Europeans in the cabinet have won ... Yesterday's speech was, however, only the first instalment of a lengthy debate about economic strategy'

pressing ahead with ratification of the Maastricht treaty. so Mr Lamont made clear that the government has rejected the option of a "dash for growth" by slashing interest rates. He was even firmer in his letter to the chairman of the Commons Treasury committee than in his speech about the priority of reducing and holding down inflation. Now is the time, he argued, to "make a conclusive break to permanent lower inflation". The purists may point out that the new objectives of an

underlying inflation rate of 2

per cent or less in the long

term and of a range of 1 to 4

per cent in this parliament

are less stringent than previ-

that the real danger was of continued recession. Hence the government should concentrate on hopes of reducing interest rates and on aiding recovery.

have won. The new policy in no way precludes eventual re-entry to the ERM, which Mr Lamont's letter, but not his speech, reiterated was still the government's aim. There may be no formal target range for the pound. but there is to be no policy of benign neglect. The exchange rate still matters. And the government will seek to achieve a "tight"

For the moment, the pro-Europeans in the cabinet

however, only the first instal-ment of a lengthy cabinet debate about economic strategy, about interest rates and the pound, and eventually about the timing of re-entry to the ERM. Most ministers hope that by taking a firm stance now, and enduring a difficult year to 18 months, the government can ensure that the economy is in rea-sonable shape by the next general election. Their fear is that, if the government went for growth now, there might have to be a squeeze just before the next election.

The difficulty, as always, is getting from here to there. Mr Lamont may have filled the policy vacuum yesterday, but he failed to win over all his party. His au-thority as Chancellor re-mains shaky. The odds are still that he will complete the review of economic policy and the public spending round, present the autumn statement next month and then leave the Treasury for a new cabinet post, battered but with some dignity.

John Major has also had uncomfortable week. Lord Tebbit may have gone over the top and Baroness Thatcher overreached herself by appearing disloyal. However, their interventions and the rumbustious debates have highlighted divisions in the Tory party. which range far wider than Maastricht, and have undermined Mr Major's standing as leader. He will receive a warm ovation this afternoon. but he still has to convince his party, and the country, of where he is leading the **vovernment** 

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#### Bonn rules out referendum

# Bundestag falls into line on Maastricht

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN BONN

THEO Waigel, the German finance minister, pledged yesterday that the German parliament would have the final say on whether the country should enter the final stage of monetary union.

The point was supported by speakers from the opposition Social Democrats. Spokesmen of the main parties rejected calls for a referendum on ratification of the Maastricht treaty. Herr Waigel said that the Maastricht treaty does not mean that there will be "automatic entry" by currencies

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fulfilling the necessary conditions, although this is in fact what the treaty says. He also emphasised, in implicit con-tradiction to President Mitterrand of France, that a European central bank would be independent of political control like the present Bundesbank.

Herr Waigel was speaking during the first reading of the Maastricht treaty in the Bundestag, parliament's lower house. All the German parties, except for the former communist PDS, expressed their sup-

#### Danes set out their **EC** options

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

ITALY'S government yester-day called a parliamentary vote of confidence for today on the cuts it wants in spending on the health service, state nsions, the civil service and local government finance.

The vote was called after a meeting of the leaders of the coalition of Socialists, Christian Democrats, Social Democrats and Liberals. It is designed to cut through the 1,122 amendments tabled by opposition deputies and rebels in the ruling parties to the "Delegated Law" on the public services that Giuliano Amato, the prime minister, ees as a vital complement to

his 1993 austerity budget. Financial markets were optimistic that the government would be able to force the harsh measures through parliament. The lira recovered against the mark for a second day. But political observers said that, once the measures and the budget were passed, it was likely that Signor Amato would be defeated in parliament and forced to resign.

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGAN

**DENMARK'S** Conservative-Liberal government will un-veil on Monday a white paper outlining the country's options for continued co-operation within the European Community, the prime minister's office said.

The paper will form the basis for all-party negotiations this autumn on a formula for Denmark's future role in the EC following its narrow rejec-tion of the Maastricht treaty on doser European union. At Tuesday's opening of the Folketing (parliament), Poul

Schluter, the prime minister. made an impassioned appeal for more openness and less centralism in European institutions. This sentiment met with general approval in yes-terday's first parliamentary de-bate of the new session.

Mr Schluter, in his address, gave a warning against the creation of a United States of Europe. "The treaty cannot be put into force by the other 11 EC members until a solution to Denmark's problems has been reached." port for the treaty, and the government has said that it hopes that the ratification process wil be completed by December 18, shortly after the Edinburgh summit.

Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, said: "It is up to us to say 'yes' to the Maastricht accord to send a signal of confidence in a common European future to those of our partners who are still hesitant." He said that before the European Community na-tions trade their currencies for

a common European one by 1999, parliament will have to vote on giving up the mark.

No federal government can take such a far-reaching decision without the backing of a parliamentary majority." The debate also made clear

the reservations about the course of European unification which now exist across German society. Werner Schultz, a Green deputy, said that the debate reminded him of a surrealist film. "Most deputies are actually unhappy with the present treaty, but are going to go ahead and ratify it

Many of the speeches yester-day were in fact based more on emotional than economic arpaments, with several denoties. stating that European union is necessary to combat the growing forces of nationalism both inside and outside Germany.

Herr Schultz added that more than 50 per cent of European voters were unhappy with the Maastricht process, and that "true European integration canot be achieved on the basis of shoddy political compromises". ☐ Madrid: José María Aznar,

leader of the main opposition party in the Spanish Congress, the conservative People's Party, has said that, if he comes to power in next year's general election, he would follow John Major's monetary policy and take the peseta out of the EMS (Edward Owen writes). He said that he planned to reduce taxes and increase savings and



Setting the mark: Theo Waigel, the finance minister, promising the Bundestag yesterday that Germany would not take part in any currency union unless all EC members kept to the Maastricht treaty requirements

#### French feminists applaud a Royal decree

STILL grappling with the notion of sexual harassment and the arrival of women riot police, the fragile French male has been dealt another blow with a linguistic order from Mme Ségolène Royal,

Mme Royal, 39, decreed that henceforward she must be addressed as Madame la ministre instead of Madame le ministre. In calmer times, the change might not send shock waves all the way from the corner café to the Académie Française, but Mme Royal's edict looked all too much like another feminist power grab against the ruling patriarchy. "Why didn't she go the whole hog and call herself Madame la ministresse?" sniffed Jean

Dutourd, 72, a man of letters.

A woman minister's tinkering with the French language has set off academic shock waves, Charles Bremner writes

amounts to a slap at the practice, officially decreed by the academy in 1984, which keeps the masculine version of a professional position while sticking Madame in front of it. The logic is the same as the one which has dismissed "authoress". "poetess" and more recently

'actress" in English. In the absence of a neuter gender in French, the academy said only the masculine ending could represent both sexes. So, for example, a bassador's wife is Mme l'ambassadrice. Danielle Mitterrand is Mme la *présidente* but when Edith Cresson served as prime minister, she was Mme le premier

By trying to make minister feminine, Mme Royal is committing, to some French ears, almost as grave a linguistic offence as those Anglo-Saxons who insist on saying "herstory" for history. Her action was applauded by feminists who have been

polemics similar to the politically correct American school. Led by Luce Irigaray, a psychiatrist and militant feminist, this group says French women are the victims of linguistic tyranny imposed through grammatical gender. It is not by chance, says Mme Irigaray, that *la pluie* (rain) is feminine and *le beau temps* (fine weather) is masculine. Why is a lowly chair (chaise) imine and an armchair *fauteuil*) masculine? Why is a house feminine but a castle masculine? According to

Benoite Groult, a leading

feminist writer, French muti-

lates women just as certain African peoples inflict genital

mutilation on girls.

Interlude from Provence. Life & Times, page 1

#### Egyptians 5 launch drive for peace

Jerusalem: Israel and Syr came under renewed dipl matic pressure to show moflexibility in the peace proces as Egypt launched a surpri diplomatic initiative to brir the two sides together (Ric ard Beeston writes).

Amr Moussa, foreign mi ister of Egypt, arrived in Isra bearing a message for Yirth Rabin, the prime ministr-from President Mubara "We are trying to build con-dence," said Mr Moussa. "I rael is called upon to tal certain steps. The Arab side also going to take certai

steps."
Mr Moussa referred to r cent Syrian offers of "fi peace" with Israel in return f all the land captured by Isra in the 1967 Six Day War.

#### Kurds killed

Ankara: Twenty people, i cluding 17 Kurdish separati guerrillas of the Kurdists Workers' party, were killed eastern Turkey in the past ty days, according to securi officials (Reuter)

wi panic

#### Rebel gets life

Lima: Military judges har convicted Abunael Guzma the captured leader of the Shining Path guerrillas i Peru, of treason and jalk him for life, without parole (AP)

#### Chief jailed

Mexico City: The former chi of Interpol in Mexico was sei tenced to 12 years in prison fi drug trafficking and illegi arms possession. Migue Aldana Ibarra was arrested i February 1990 with 3.52lb i cocaine and six guns. (AFP)

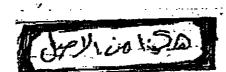
#### Criminals shot

Peking: Twenty-six peopl have been shot dead in north eastern China for offence such as rape and murde They were among 55 crim nals sentenced at the end September at a public meetin in Harbin. (AFP)



Only Post-it Notes stick till the message sticks.

Innovation working for you'



# Revenge of Yeltsin deprives Gorbachev of his power base

FROM BRUCE CLARK IN MOSCOW

what he is capable of."

Georgians flee as

war panic grows

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN SUKHUMI

has exposed himself to contro-

versy recently by his repeated

RUSSIAN

ADZHARIA (

in forays around Sukhumi. Two bombs fell on the airport

earlier this week, and a radar

ship anchored on the Black

Sea has been hit and set on

fire. "We had to leave," said

Nanula Batasyazi, 74, who

was interviewed earlier as she

arrived at Tbilisì airport

clutching her two grand-

last weekend. Our boys are

very brave, but the Abkhazians

are getting more and more

support from Russia, and we

do not know if there are

enough of them to hold off the enemy," she said. "We do not

want to see another Yugo-

slavia." Up to a quarter of the

city's 125,000 population are

now thought to have fled.

With elections due on Sunday.

many Georgians are placing their faith in Eduard

Shevardnadze to avoid any

further intensification of the

President Yeltsin of Russia

meet Mr Shevardnadze and

Vladislav Ardzinba, the Ab-

khazian leader, on board a

leashed by the recent successes said yesterday he expected to

ing confidence of their forces ship off Sukhumi on Tuesday.

"We were very scared after

GEORGIA

MIKHAIL Gorbachev was unceremoniously evicted from his offices yesterday, only a day after declaring that President Yeltsin was failing to cope with reform and should transfer power to a collective leadership,

In the greatest, but possibly not the last, humiliation meted out to the architect of perestroika, a big police force surrounded and entered the smart buildings where Mr Gorbachev's political think-

They will find pieces of gold, millions of dollars and stocks of weapons," Mr Gorb-

SUKHUMI, capital of the

breakaway Georgian region of Abkhazia, was thrown into

panic yesterday as hundreds of Georgians tried to flee, fearing

an imminent attack by sepa-

Swarms of people, mostly

women and children, fought

to climb on board a 150-seater

TU154 aircraft which arrived from Tbilisi. It had been

commandeered by Georgian

forces to convey extra men and

arms into the region, and ferry increasingly desperate refu-

The airport is under daily

siege by civilians clamouring

to leave, driven by the twin

momentum of justified fear

that the conflict will widen,

and overheated propaganda

from their side about impend-

ing full-scale war. These fears

have been fed by rumours that

Russian tanks are moving

towards the city. Despite the

absence of any fighting in the

vicinity, the process appears

Some 600 people have been

leaving by air every day. The railway link with the rest of

Georgia has been cut, and the

roads are impassable. High

winds on the Black Sea vester-

day meant that the airport

provided the only escape from

the city. Flights are over-

loaded, with passengers stand-

ing in the aisles, toilets and

of the Abkhazians in securing

extra territory in western

Georgia, and by the increas-

even the pilot's cabin.

ratist forces.

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A Jake Say

refusal to appear at the trial of the Communist party, of which he was leader for six achev remarked sarcastically reporters as Arkadi Murashev, Moscow's young police chief, acted swiftly to fulfil President Yeltsin's order years. The court has imposed token fines on him for conthat he be evicted. tempt and secured a ban on Angry and defiant, Mr Gorbachev stood on the steps his leaving the country.

A decree issued by President

outside the main building and Yeltsin on Wednesday night said that Mr Yeltsin's action transferred control of the was a form of revenge as part think-tank's city premises, and of their continuing feud. "Yes-terday I said that the president also its property in the Mos-cow suburbs, to a new bankis incapable of doing his job.

As you can see, he has shown ing academy where young Russians would be trained in financial services. The former Soviet leader

Neither of the farm boys who dominated Soviet politics during the twilight of commu-nism ever bothered to conceal his dislike of the other. For Mr Yeltsin, the eviction was a moment of sweet revenge for the terrible day in November 1987 when he was summoned to attend a meeting of the Moscow Communist party, of which he was boss. For four hours, Mr Gorbachev and his Polithuro colleagues including Eduard Shevardnadze—subjected Mr Yeltsin to a public denuncia-tion that reduced him to a

trembling wreck who could barely stammer out a contrite resignation speech. Members of the Yeltsin administration would argue that there are more substantial reasons than revenge for cen-suring Mr Gorbachev. Niko-

lai Fedorov, the justice minister, has criticised him for gross disrespect of the Russian judicial system.

A hint of how embarrassing it could be for Mr Gorbachev to testify before prosecutors with access to the Politburo files emerged earlier this week, during a court appearance by Yegor Ligachev, a former central committee member. A government lawyer read out minutes of a Politiburo meeting which considered the application for an exit visa by Yelena Bonner, the half-lewish wife of the dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov.

Viktor Chebrikov, the KGB chairman, commented that "Sakharov's behaviour is determined by Bonner's influence." At this point, Mr Gorbachev interjected: "That's Zionism for you." Mr Gorbachev's refusal to

testify and Mr Yeltsin's decree cast doubt on the commitment both proclaim to a "law-based" state. The episode tends to confirm a favourite saying here. "This is not a Moscow's self-imposed moracountry of laws, but a country

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#### Greenpeace ship sails to test 'Chernobyl' of the Arctic

By Bruce Clark

A GREENPEACE ship set off of an initially secret presidenyesterday for a stretch of Arctic tial decree, signed in Februwater that has been deary, that called for the nounced as a potential marirenovation of the Novaya time Chernobyl - the Kara Zemlaya underground testing Sea, on whose bottom lie 15 nuclear reactors and 17,000 Greenpeace activists say barrels of nuclear waste.

the waters around the archi-

pelago, itself a controversial

site for nuclear tests, contain 3

million curies of radioactivity

– three times as much as has

been released into the Irish

Sea by the plant at Sellafield.

intended to investigate and

publicise nuclear dumping at

a time when the Russian navy

has pledged to scrap another

150 nuclear submarines, with

two reactors each, and has

given no indication of what

will happen to the disused

hardware. Another purpose is

to ascertain Russian inten-

tions over nuclear tests, as the

October 27 expiry date for

Aleksei Yablokov, the eco-

logical adviser to Boris Yeltsin.

torium draws closer.

The expedition is partly

that if their vessel is arrested --With a crew of Western and as happened to a ship they Russian scientists, the Solo left sent to the Arctic in 1990 - it Murmansk in the early hours would be a hint that Russia for the eastern shores of the does plan to resume testing, Novaya Zemlya islands, which just when America has finally for the past 22 years have been agreed to a nine-month a dumping ground for nuclear detritus. The environmental Mr Yablokov describes the lobby group has alleged that

nuclear dumps in the Kara Sea as "relatively safe" from leakage but believes that a danger "dozens of times" greater could be posed by the Komsomolets, a nuclear submarine which crashed to the floor of the Barents Sea in 1989. He also suggests that, if the Kara Sea is radioactive, the main culprit could be thousands of miles away: the vast atomic complex at Krasnovarsk, where highly toxic liquid was dumped into the Yenisei river after cooling the secret reactors, buried deep underground, that turned out plutonium to make bombs. The production of plutoni-

um, whose by-products infected the Yenisei as badly as or worse than the soil immediately around Chemobyl, officially stopped a few days ago, but the authorities are going ahead with plans to build a new nuclear waste reprocessing plant near by.

Efforts by Greenpeace to publicise the former Soviet Union's environmental nightmare coincide with a Russian report spelling out the damage it has wrought on public health. About 50 million Russians — one in three — live in cities where air pollution exceeds the acceptable norm by ten times or more, while another 60 million receive five times more air pollution than they should.

Apart from radioactivity, all of Russia's main rivers suffer bacterial or viral pollution that is tens or hundreds of times above the limit.

#### Ukraine risks clash over nuclear arms

By Our Foreign Staff

AS THE heads of the old Soviet republics prepare for a summit on closer integration. Moscow defence chiefs say they are seriously concerned about Ukraine's claim to ever greater control of the nuclear waroons on its soil.

Air Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, the commander-in-chief of the CIS, says he now wants the whole strategic ersenal to be switched from oint CIS jurisdiction to that of Russia alone as soon as possible.

CIS STRATEGIC

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Inter continental ballistic missiles (ICBM)	8,612	500		
See launched bellistic missies (SLBM)	2,804	1,643		
Air taunched cruise missiles (ALCM)	855	<b>820</b>		
TOTAL	10,271	2,968		

Ukraine, one of the four commonwealth states where long-range nuclear rockets are located, said last week it wants "administrative control" of its share of the strategic arsensal and a veto on their use.

Konstantin Morozov, Kiev defence minister, has said all the troops servicing and guarding nuclear weap-ons on Ukrainian soil would be sworn into the republican defence forces.

This would not alter the Ukraine's decision in principle to become a non-nuclear state. Analysing the reductions

agreed by Presidents Bush and Yeltsin earlier this year. the International Institute for Strategic Studies based in London suggests in its annual Military Balance report that the Russian nuclear force in 10 years could consist of 500 mobile land-based SS25 warheads, 1,648 submarinelaunched warheads and 820 air-launched warheads, carried by Bear and Blackjack

#### Flight into eye of Sarajevo storm

FROM JOHN HOLLAND WITH THE US AIR PORCE

THE American C130E transport plane cork-screwed its way down to-wards Sarajevo. The city below was an October sunlit ghost city of burnt out red roof-tops and crumpled concrete - framed by darkening mountainsides full of rain and white-hot Serbian artillery.
Captain Jed Scott put
the squat dark camouflage

plane into a series of steep dives. America's Operation Provide Promise was flying the eleventh to thirteenth aid missions since relief flights to the Bosni-an capital were resumed on October 3. As we dropped faster we

could see an occasional puff of white smoke in the city centre — fire or artil-lery we couldn't tell — but the airport perimeter itself looked mercifully quiet.

As the plane taxied to-

wards the unloading area the plane's rear load ramp swung down. Dozens of United Nations soldiers. mainly from African countries and Eastern Europe, moved in to unload our 14 tonnes of MREs - or meals ready to eat" in US military parlance. That represented about 25,000 one day rations

'Twenty minutes is all we've got," our air force guide yelled to us as we jumped down to the tarmac. "We don't cut the engines and you don't wander. If things start getting bad you run for the plane and we about the unload and get out fast. No questions? Good."

# Bosnian Serbs turn against last pockets of resistance

FROM TIM JUDAH AND DESSA TREVISAN IN BELGRADE continued speculation in the

their capture of Bosanski Brod by pursuing their offensive yesterday against two other pockets of resistance in the area. According to Bosnian Radio buildings were ablaze in Gradacac, while the only other remaining enclave along the Croatian frontier, at Orasje, was also reported to be

under attack.
The radio said that infantry supported by heavy artillery and tanks were attacking Serbia and Serb-held territ Gradacac, 75 miles north of ries in Bosnia and Croatia. Sarajevo. The town's military and civilian leaders reported 12 killed and 50 wounded after a series of air raids by Bosnian Serb jets. The reports

SERBIAN forces followed up were impossible to confirm Belgrade press that the city might have been given up by the Croats as a part of deal worked out between President and came as Bosnian Serb leaders were promising to suspend their air attacks.

Gradacac, a town of 56,000 people, 60 per cent of whom are Muslim, is the most northerly town still under Bosnian control. The Serbs clearly want to drive the Bosnians and Croats out of both Gradacac and Orasje to secure complete control of the strate-gic northern corridor linking Serbia and Serb-held territo-

The rapid fall of Bosanski Brod after months of siege and the lack of the customary triumphant reports on Belgrade television has led to

## **American medics to** staff field hospital

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

WASHINGTON'S decision bring with them all the intellito supply a field hospital for the humanitarian relief operation in Bosnia-Herzegovina could mean the deployment of about 300 US medical personnel to support the United Nations forces in the region. At least ten American officers are also likely to be sent to Bosnia to join the Nato head-quarters that is to be set up

west of Sarajevo.
Officials in Washington said the hospital and support personnel would probably be set up near Zagreb, in Croatia, and not in Bosnia. In the event of casualties, injured UN soldiers would be treated first by local medical units and then flown to the American field hospital if the facilities in Bosnia proved inadequate.

The involvement of the Americans, after months of staying on the sidelines, has brought a new dimension to alliance forces in the war in the relief effort. They will former Yugoslavia.

gence and communications apparatus which has been desperately lacking in the UN's mission.

The arrival of the Ameri-

cans and the decision to lift a mobile Nato headquarters from Germany into Bosnia and place it under French command have set a precedent which could begin operating procedures.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato

to resolve the divisive debate over the future management of European security Major-General Philippe Morillon, the French commander who is to take charge of the 6,000man expanded UN protection force in Bosnia, will be working from a beadquarters run according to standard Nato

secretary general, told the Bild

newspaper yesterday he could

no longer rule out the use of

Yugoslav counterpart. As fighting continued in the north, Sarajevo was reported to be unusually quiet yester-

day. In Belgrade General Philippe Morillon, the French commander of the UN Protection Force for Bosnia-Herzegovina, said: "I am convinced that there is no chance of a military solution to the war and so there is no shame in admitting humanitarian aid." General Morillon is plan-ning the deployment of the expanded UNPROFOR force. which is to oversee humanitar-

Tudiman of Croatia and his

ian deliveries in the republic. People are already suffering because of lack of electricity and water, not just food, and, with the coming winter, per-haps 400,000 risk death unless UNPROFOR can help them," he said. International humanitarian aid has so far made little impact, according to the Bosnian health ministry.

In Zagreb, the Croatian capital, parliament moved to strip the leaders of the extreme nationalist Croatian Party of Rights of their parliamentary immunity and the public prosecutor has demanded a ban on the party. The party, which controls a militia of ruthless reputation, stands accused of provoking "armed rebellion". The move appears to have been well timed by the Cro-

atian authorities. They will doubtless be overjoyed at the opportunity of offering up the neo-fascist party, a bitter opponent of President Tudyman, as a sacrificial lamb to the UN War Crimes Commission. The party, which believes in a greater Croatia, has long been suspected of being behind the worst atrocities committed by the Croatian side.

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# Trailing Bush tries to stir up doubts on rival's patriotism

PRESIDENT Bush has directly impugned Bill Clinton's patriotism by denouncing his participation in anti-Vietnam war demonstrations while studying at Oxford and questioning why he visited Moscow in 1969.

In by far the most personal of his assaults on his oppo-nent, Mr Bush said on Wednesday night that it was plain wrong "to go to a foreign land. and demonstrate against your country when your sons and daughters are dying halfway around the world". It was an act that "I cannot for the life of

Mr Bush, trailing in the polls, also professed astonishment that Mr Clinton not only went to Moscow "one year after Russia crushed Czechoslovakia", but could not remember who he saw there. He pointed out that Mr Clinton did recall meeting an American peace activist in Oslo on

the same trip.

Mr Bush linked these episodes with Mr Clinton's avoidance of the Vietnam draft in a blatant attempt to undermine



kansas governor to "level with the American people" on all

Last night the Clinton camp responded furiously, accusing Mr Bush of using "smear stories" and 'the lowest form of innuendo" to divert attention from his own dismal economic record. It was a "sad and George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's communications director,

Mr Clinton has never hidden his opposition to the Vietnam war. He has acknowledged attending two or public confidence in his oppo-nent. He challenged the Ar-in London, but denied being a

## White House needs Gatt breakthrough

By MARTIN FLETCHER

THE president hopes to boost his electoral prospects in key Midwest farming states this weekend by achieving a breakthrough in the dispute over EC agricultural subsidies that has blocked a global free trade agreement for the past two

However, American officials and European diplomats have given a warning that failure to make progress in what they call a critical meeting of senior negotiators in Brussels could lead to the collapse of the Uruguay round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) and. possibly, a US-EC trade war. With the presidential election less than a month away, administration would

come under intense and probably irresistible pressure from the powerful American soybean lobby finally to impose punitive sanctions on \$1 billion (£584 million) worth of

Mr Bush hopes for a Gatt breakthrough promising glob-al economic revival, and it was he who requested this weekend's meeting in Brussels. European officials are optimistic. They realise Mr Bush needs an agreement for electoral reasons, although American farmers would accuse him of selling them out if he made too many concessions. European governments badly need

almost certain retaliation.

"big organiser". He also readily acknowledged this week that he visited Moscow during a 40-day European tour. He insisted that he was simply a tourist, paid for himself, and scoffed at suggestions he had met the KGB.

Aides quoted in The Washington Post accused Mr Bush of borrowing the British Conservatives strategy, recalling how two months before the general election stories had surfaced about Neil Kinnock's visits to the Soviet Embassy in the early 1980s. "They're obviously trying to take a cookie-cutter, put it on the Tory campaign and bring it to America,". Mr Stephanop-

Mr Bush has repeatedly played on Middle America's provincialism, xenophobia and dislike of elitism by alluding to Mr Clinton's Oxford years. "Even as George Bush is castigating and ridiculing Bill Clinton for attending Ox-ford as a Rhodes scholar, he's doing the British campaign hook, line and sinker," Mr Stephanopoulos said.

The Bush campaign has also been hammering the Arkansas governor on the twin issues of trust and taxes that John Major employed so effectively against Mr Kinnock, and it acknowledges having met senior Conservative strategists. With the election slipping away, the Bush campaign is now believed to be searching for more details from England of Mr Clinton's student activities in the hope of unearthing an eleventh-hour "bombshell".

Mr Clinton betrayed his sensitivity to questions about European products, inviting his student activities with unusually testy answers to a char show host on Wednesday. The attack evoked memories of how Mr Bush impugned Michael Dukakis's patriotism to great effect in 1988 because the Massachusetts governor would not mandate recital of the Piedge of Allegiance in his state's schools. He visited flag factories and demanded a constitutional amendment to outlaw desecration of the Stars and Stripes.

All snobs now, page 14



#### **Prospects** for Senate reversed

Washington: As the Senate wrapped up its final busi-ness before November's elections. Republicans yes-terday talked morosely of how many of their number would be defeated (Martin Fletcher writes).

Yet barely a year ago they had hopes of recapturing the Senate. The Republicans needed to gain seven seats and President Bush. still enjoying 70 per cent ratings, had long coat-tails. Nine of the Democrats facing re-election had just squeaked home in 1986.

Since then Mr Bush's popularity has plummeted, Gulf war euphoria has succumbed to economic depression, and the southern Democratic senators thought most vulnerable have been recharged by the all-South presidential ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore. The latest polls suggest the De-mocrats could possibly gain

#### Polls show Perot factor has boosted Clinton's chances

SIX national opinion polls taken between Ross Perot's re entry on October 1 to the US presidential race and October 4 give a measure of the "Perot effect". Re-percentaging the 10-11 per cent who, in most of these polls, say they are as yet undecided, gives the standing of Bill Clinton 50 per cent. President Bush 39 per cent and Ross Perot 11 per cent, with less than four weeks to go until election day. This is precisely confirmed by the

findings of the Greenberg-Lake/Tarrance "rolling poll" figures over the same period. As the graph illustrates, in the ten days before Mr Perot's announcement the standings. excluding 8 per cent for Mr Perot, was 57 for Mr Clinton, 43 per cent for Mr Bush. Thus the change following the re-entry of Mr Perot has been Mr Clinton down 7 points, Mr Bush down 4, a net advantage to the president of 3. But the

direction of the national fig-ures is misleading. I place less emphasis on the massive 20,400 telephone survey carried out in all of the 51 states (including the District of Columbia) by the American Research Group between September 15 and October 1. While it is useful to have stateby state comparisons, they are

state, and have theoretical

margins of error of plus or More important is that they were taken before Mr Perors announcement, and are therefore out of date before their release on October 5. Nevertheless, the research group did include Mr Perot in its questioning, and so the Perot effect should be estimated by reference to other more recent, post-Perot announcement tests of the state of the Ameri-

can mood. The research group state-bystate results splits the Clinton-Bush race (Perot is unlikely to carry any state in the American electoral college) in a way that moves Mr Clinton closer to, not further from, obtaining a majority of votes. These findings give Mr Clinton statistically significant leads in 23 states accounting for 264 electoral votes, just six votes under

Six polls show the effect of Perot's re-entry into the race, writes Robert Worcester

the 270 needed to win. Mr Clinton leads within the margin of error in another 11 states for 120 electoral votes, and Mr Bush has significant leads in only seven states for 40 electoral votes, fewer than the single-state total of 54 for California which now appears to be within Mr Clinton's

grasp.
While the polls continue to show Mr Clinton ahead, one test that will be worrying the Democratic camp's poll analysts is that when asked by both the CBS/NYT and NBC/WSJ polls who the American public think will win the election, the race is much doser.

Over the middle week in September both polling org-anisations asked their sam-

ples: "Regardless of how you intend to (or will) vote, who do you think (expect to) win, George Bush or Bill Clinton?' CBS/NYT found Mr Clinton 43 per cent, Mr Bush 41 per cent at a time when Mr Clinton had a 12 per cent lead in voting intention in their poll and NBC/WSJ found Mr Clinton expected to win by a margin of only three points, 45 to 42 when their voting intention figures gave the Democratic challenger a ten-

point voting intention lead. Ladbrokes odds are now Mr Clinton 1-3 favourite, Mr Bush at 9-4 and Mr Perot 20-. I wouldn't take Perot at 1,000-I, and the Bush and Clinton odds look like a sucker's bets. For my money, I'd say that it now looks like a 70 per cent probability for Mr Clinton and 30 per cent for

Mr Bush. Robert Worcester is chairman of MORI and Visiting Professor of government at the London School of Economics and Political Science. His analyses are compiled with the assistance of American Enterprise Magazine

**Cold War** foes join forces over Iraq FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

ABOARD THE USS LASALLE

AFTER decades of Cold War hostility, the American and Russian navies today begin integrating systems to mount their first joint naval operation since the second world war. enforcing United Nations sanctions against Iraq.

British and French warships will also dock at Bahrain to take part in a two-day conference to work out methods of co-operation with the Russians. Until recently Iraq was one of Moscow's closest

Emphasis will be laid on how much classified information can be exchanged about technical and tactical details that were long regarded as secrets. Officials acknowledge that mutual suspicion will have to be broken down.

The arrival of the antisubmarine destroyer Admiral Vinogradov from Vladivostok to join coalition navies patrol-ling the Gulf and Red Sea was hailed by Rear Admiral Raynor Taylor, commander of US naval forces in the region, as "an historic step forward". Officers on board USS La-Salle, the flagship of the 23strong US battle fleet in the Gulf, admitted it would be a bizarre experience to be working and possibly fighting side by side with the Russians. The admiral, who will be hosting his Russian opposite number and visiting the Russian ship, said: "This is going to take

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"For the past 40-odd years, we have worked to make sure it was difficult to read their communications and vice versa. Now we are trying to work together to have com-

mon communications." The conference, which will be attended by Tony Hogg. captain of HSM Chatham, one of three British warships on Gulf patrol, will deal also with the question of mutual refuelling, joint helicopter operations and shared navi-

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# Che's legend fires a new kind of rebel

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

IF Ernesto "Che" Guevara, the guerrilla leader, were still alive, he would be a dissident in communist Cuba, the country that adopted him as a revolutionary hero, according to the man who led the hunt

The former CIA agent Felix

Rodriguez lives in semi-obscurity in a modest north Miami home, surrounded by mementoes of a career fighting communism in Latin America. On October 9, 1967, Mr Rodriguez was the last man to speak to "Che," the Argentine-born guerrilla, before he was executed by his Bolivian captors. While Guevara entered the pages of revolutionary legend, his surviving family in Havana hardly meet the revolutionary ideal. Guevara's illegitimate son, Omar Pérez, is a a member of a small, social democratic dissi-

dent group.
One of Che's daughters remains committed to Fidel Castro's leadership of the revolution, and at least one other daughter and one brother of Che still live in Cuba. His father moved from Argentina to Cuba and died there three

grandson, Canek Sánchez Guevara, does not want to be a Marxist-Leninist he wants to grow his hair long, wear earrings and be a rock musician, free to sing in

English if he pleases.
What would Che make of his grandson today? "He would be proud of me. Che Guevara was a rebel. He never would have approved of what has become of this revolution," the young man said in a recent interview.

Yet Che is still held up as a model to young Cubans. His portrait with black beret and five-pointed star stares out of posters in cities, homes, and classrooms. Schoolchildren begin every day by saluting the flag and chanting "Pio-neers for communism. We shall be like Che." Cuba marked the 25th an-

niversary of his death yesterday, as it always has done, on the day of his capture, assuming a man like Che would never have surrendered and must have died heroically in combat. But Guevara's small revolutionary movement never took hold among the Bolivian peasantry and by the time of his capture his guerrilla group was running short of His own orders from the CIA



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food, supplies and volunteers. Mr Rodriguez says that Guevara was captured on October 8. but was not executed until the next day. "He was a defeated man,"

said Mr Rodriguez "He looked ragged. He didn't even have a uniform. His morale was gone. He felt he had failed. His clothes showed it. filthy, frayed and torn. He looked like a tramp," he said. Mr Rodriguez says he re-ceived word by radio from Bolivia's military high command to execute Guevara.

were to keep him alive and take him to a US military base in Panama for debriefing. He approached Guevara and told him: "Comandante, I'm sorry. I have tried to save your life. But the orders of the Bolivian high command are that we execute you.'
"His face went white. He meditated for a while, and very serene he said: 'It's better that way. I should never have

fallen prisoner'." Guevara gave his captor a pipe which Mr Rodriguez has preserved, complete with tobacco.

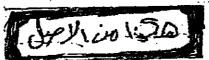
Asked if he had any message for his family, Guerar said: "Please tell my wife to remarks and to try to he remarry and to try to be happy." According to Mr Ro-

driguez, "those were his last words". The two men shook hands before Guevara was led Mr Rodriguez says the exe-

cutioners were ordered to shoot Guevara several times in the body to make it look as though he had died in com-bat. "No shots in the head," the men were told.

Mr Rodriguez later wrote in his CIA report: "If I had to go through a similar experience I would like to die with the same dignity as Che: he died for a cause, and that deserves





China steps up attack on governor

# Patten presses ahead with democracy plans

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN HONG KONG

CHRIS Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, yesterday pressed ahead with selling his plans to increase democracy in the colony while remaining within the parameters of earlier agreements with Peking. As he did so, the Chinese stepped up attacks on his proposals, saying they were inconsistent with accords reached with Britain eight years ago. In Peking, Wu Jianmin, the

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foreign ministry spokesman. said Mr Patten's proposed changes amounted to "major political changes" that would obstruct the smooth transfer of sovereignty to China in 1997. Somewhat reassuringly, how-ever. Mr Wu said China and Britain could resolve their differences "through consulta-tions". Mr Patten will visit-Peking for talks later this month, following the 14th congress of the Chinese Com-

In Hong Kong, the pro-Peking newspaper Ta Kung Pao said Mr Patten's propos-als could threaten the "through train" of existing institutions that would remain unchanged at the handover in 1997. Referring to plans for more public spending to im-prove Hong Kong's social environment, the newspaper noted: "Without China's sup-port, the through train will not go through and the vast rose garden could be turned into ashes under the controversy

stirred up by Patten." Wen Wei Pao. another leftwing journal, attacked Mr Patten's alleged failure to honour precedent by discussing plans with senior Chinese officials before revealing them to the six million inhabitants of Hong Kong. But Mr Patten's proposals seemed to have been well received in Hong Kong in general, with many



Chinese and European residents noting that past kowtow-ing to Peking had led only to further demands. "People are ready for a bit of outspoken-ness," said one political com-mentator. "The other way hasn't worked."

Hong Kong officials pri-vately made clear that, while Mr Patten was not looking for a war of words with China, he a war or words win China, ne was not going to shy away from his reform proposals, under which local councils would be almost exclusively made up of directly elected members from 1994 and, in turn, form an electoral college which would vote in ten mem-

bers of the Legislative Council.
The governor told a radio audience: "At some stage in the early part of next year I'm going to have to go to the Legislative Council with proposels which a pail bear to posals which we will have to carry into law for, for example, 1994 district board elections and for 1995 Legislative Council elections."

Analysis said it would thus be Hong Kong's Legislative Council, not China, which would be making the final decisions on how Hong Kong would be governed up to 1997. "I'm very keen that we resolve these political issues sooner rather than later," said Mr Patten, who will attend several public meetings around the colony to explain

Mr Patten, responding to



An Adelaide fashion compère looks on as a man yells at model Elle Macpherson, below, before killing himself

#### Fashion show ends in suicide

Adelaide: A man killed himself here minutes after disrupting a lingerie fastion show hosted by the Austra-lian model Elle Macpherson

yesterday. The 22-year-old man, whose name has not been released had been ejected by security guards after he climbed on to the stage at the show in a department store. Witnesses said that he had tried to shout a protest at Miss Macpherson, Austra-

lia's most successful photo-graphic model, as she and six other models waved to 4,000 fans at the end of the show. His words were drowned by music and cheering, but witnesses close to the stage said later that the man had said the show was "pornographic". Soon after being escorted from the store, the man went to the seventh floor of a nearby building smashed a window with a chair and jumped to his death.

Shows given by Miss Mac-pherson, who is based in New York, have caused an uproar in several Australian cities in the past week, attracting thousands of adoring fans, many of them teenage boys.

Miss Macpherson's publicist, Patti Mostyn, said that the model was distressed by the man's death. The poor

guy had a problem and it's not fair to lug Elle with any responsibility," Ms Mostyn said. (AP)



#### Marxist returns as Guyana president

BY MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

CHEDDI Jagan, a former Markist prime minister, was declared the winner in Guyana's general election after beating President Hoyte by a margin of 13 per cent. He is

expected to be sworn in today.
Foreign observers, headed by former American President Jimmy Carter, praised what they said was the first fair election in decades. The independent Elections Commission announced that Mr Jagan, with 129,484 votes compared with 98,918 for President Hoyte, had won 54 per cent of the vote, against 41 per cent for his opponent.

Mr Jagan, 74, a leader of Guyana's East Indian majority who was prime minister from 1957-64, returns to pow-er after 28 years in opposition. During that time the former British colony has seen economic decline and violence. The elections were marked by violent clashes in the streets. Two women were killed in the

During the campaign Mr Jagan attempted to allay fears by businessmen that he would not reverse Guyana's free market reforms. He said that with the collapse of the Cold war ideology no longer mattered. He hinted that he would continue the privatisation of the country's biggest mineral and energy industries.

## Farce and outrage take centre stage in South Africa

Clumsy moves by the main players have deepened divisions, writes Michael Hamlyn from Johannesburg

s the temperature rises with the abrupt onset of spring in the southern hemisphere, the flavour of South African politics has quickly turned sour. Two weeks ago President de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, managed to agree to talk to each other, but since then relations between the two most significant players in the transition to a multiracial democracy appear to be disin-

tegrating again. Since the summit meeting at the World Trade Centre on the outskirts of Johannesburg four significant things have happened. First, the ANC has refused to call off its programme of mass action. Second, Mr de Klerk has lectured the ANC in what newspapers have described as an offensively patronising tone, telling

them to stop their nonsense. Third, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu and president of the mainly Zulu Inkatha Freedom party, who should ordinarily be Mr de Klerk's most important black ally, has declared himself slighted by the summit, and has gathered into a threatening embrace the leaders of other black homelands and the right-wing racists of the Conservative party and their offspring, the Afrikaner

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And fourth, Mr Mandela has gone abroad for another of his glad-handing foreign trips. When the moderates in the ANC have needed to consolidate their position within the organisation, he has been photographed on the Great Wall of China, like any other tourist.

Less significant, but a con-tribution to the ill-feeling, has been the combination of farce and outrage over the release of "political" prisoners. As various mass murderers came grinning into the sunshine, black commentators have complained that the release of Barend Strydom, the "White Wolf" killer who killed seven non-whites in the heart of Pretoria, was not provided for in the agreement that led to the summit, and that he is

unrepentant about his crime. Whites have not been slow to seize on the release of Lucky Malaza, a bank robber and police-killer, who cheerfully admits that politics played no part in his crime. governed states north of here.



threatening alliance

Simple incompetence at the Department of Correctional Services, as the prison administration is now known, is blamed. The department has invited him to return; he has declined. Adriaan Vlok, the prisons minister, has announced that more non-political prisoners are to be released to ease overcrowding in jails. Cartoonists and satirists are enjoying this.

Meanwhile the ANC has

attacked the Democratic Party for having the temerity to criticise Cyril Ramaphosa. their secretary general, and the Pan Africanist Congress who have been trying to mediate between Inkatha and themselves. In toughly wordlamhasted Zach de Beer, the Democratic party leader, and declared that the ANC "does not need PAC or any other mediation".

Thief Buthelezi has been bitterly criticised in the black press for embracing the rightwingers. But his motives are not hard to understand. If he can attract to his support white voters in Natal, and if he can gather up all the Zulu votes, then he will create a federal base which will make him a force to be reckoned with on the national scene long into the future. ...

He has already been compared with the intrausigent. Jonas Savimbi in nearby Angola, who is refusing to accept the evidence of the ballot box. He is also in danger of creating a vast division in South African society between the Zukus and the rest, a division similar to that which has plagued almost all black-



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ing on the vexed question of a £13.5 billion airport was agreed with China. While both sides agree on the need for a new airport, squabbling

over the issue has been going

on for months, with the Chi-nese allegedly using it to apply pressure against further dem-

Martin Lee, the leader of the United Democrats, said one fundamental failing of the political package delivered by Mr Patter, concerned the so-

called Basic Law, Peking's post-1997 constitution under which it would govern the territory. "If the Basic Law is like the ten commandments,

and no one can amend it, then

what he has done was the

maximum possible under these constraints," he said.

But the Basic Law was promulgated shortly after the

1989 Tiananmen shootings,

"so of course you do not expect

them to give democracy to the people of Hong Kong." he said. "Any constitution in the world is amendable, and even the Chinese constitution itself

has been amended a few

times. Why then does the governor feel constrained by

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# We're all snobs now

Bryan Appleyard on America's liberal élitism

ow awful can the American election get? Confronted by an aphasic ex-spook, a fat saxophone player with a haircut and a petulant Texan with the voice of Kermit the Frog. the electorate can hardly be blamed if it does what it usually does - stays at home in depressingly large numbers. Abstaining, however, is an affront to the constitution. This week the American television stations have been running conscience-

jogging slots to persuade people to register to vote. MTV, the gottnless pop video channel, is running a collage of rock stars, some standing by swimming pools, all encouraging the fans to get out and vote. Spike Lee, the black film director. implies that not voting is an affront to the long list of great civil rights activists, but forgets to mention that there is no candidate for whom anybody on

that list would dream of voting. Ross Peror's line, that nobody else is confronting the issues, would be the most interesting were it not for the fact that he refuses coherently to confront them himself. The Bush and Clinton television campaigns simply swap abuse and counter-abuse with the one nauseating exception of a long, softfocus image of Governor Clinton talking on the telephone. The Bush side's best recent shot was a straight lift from this year's Tory campaign. Rugged, hardworking types were shown looking depressed by the sums added to their tax bills by a Clinton victory. Unfortunately the Democrats are neither lumbered with John Smith nor with the relative simplicity of the British tax system, so the advertisement was simply swatted aside by an entirely effective denial commercial the next day.

he one serious issue, the economy, is hopelessly lost in this mess. But there is another issue which has probably never surfaced with quite such intensity in an American election. That issue is class. Dan Quayle crystallised the point when he spoke resentfully of a "cultural élite". By that he meant roughly what we used to call the chattering classes: liberal, media types possessed of a certain contempt for the attitudes of non-liberal, non-media types. In America the idea has more force than in Britain because of the power of Hollywood (in both films and television) which, to Mr Quayle, was the spiritual home, propaganda tool and economic base of the élitists.

The Quayle theory is that these elitists undermine traditional values with the uniformly liberal message from the popular entertainment industry. He has been lampooned for this and Bill Clinton has said he always wanted to be in "the cultural elite that others condemn". But there are greater intellects than Mr Quayle's behind the idea.

Michael Novak, the right-wing. Catholic philosopher, pointed out to me that 100 million Americans go to church every week, but you never see anybody go to church in all the hundreds of hours of weekly soap operas. Aspects of common American life unpalatable to the cultural élitists are being silently filtered out. The great defence of any contentious issue that arises in these soaps is always that they mirror the real world. If that mirror is distorted by liberal propaganda, people will be persuaded that society is more liberal than it really is and their conservative instincts will be quietly suppressed in the name of conformity.

ince it involves the right accusing the left of being snobs, this is a curious form of the the Republican side is that a class war may distract attention from their own failings by whipping up redneck prejudice. The deeper point, however, is that this new internal division is a symptom of the same fundamental unease that has made the election campaign so vacuous. That unease arises from the sense that there is nothing to be said and nothing that can be said. The budget deficit seems too huge, the inner cities too violent, there are too many drugs and the Japanese are too good at making cars. And now there is not even an external enemy to make the effort of national cohesion worthwhile.

Class is an introspective issue, a way of blaming each other, rather than an answer. The right's diagnosis may be correct: it certainly feels true when you have been over-exposed to the narrow liberalism of The New York Times. The problem is that, in the midst of this campaign, it sounds less like the basis for a cure than the result of

#### Nicholas Ridley argues that the Chancellor made the best of a bad job in his Brighton speech yesterday

orman Lamont made the best he could of his speech at yesterday's Conservative party conference given that he had to address not two, but three, audiences.

The first audience consisted of those who were sitting in the conference hall — the Tory party at worship. The second audience consisted of the city and the markets, who were looking for a credible economic policy. The third consisted of the hard men in the cabinet: John Major. Kenneth Clarke and Michael Heseltine in particular.

These are the people who seem to put Europe before Britain. They are watching the Chancellor like hawks to be sure he does not frustrate them in their aim of putting the pound back in the exchange rate mechanism (ERM) as soon as possible. Both Mr Clarke and Mr Heseltine, in recent weeks, have set themselves up as shadow Chancellors, faithful acolytes of the Brussels Commission, frequently breathing down the Chancellor's neck in the media to make sure he does not backslide on eventually re-joining the ERM. John Major

Beware Lamont's rivals shares their view, as he dings to his personal commitment to the ERM and the Maastricht treaty. It is a mistake to underestimate

With Mrs Thatcher back in the

It was not an easy speech for the Chancellor. But he holds the initiative: it is he who now says what the policy is, and he who will bring it into effect. He made a small start yesterday. He had to excuse the past, which is not easy without making Mr Major eat his hat. Indeed he failed to conceal his relief at his new found freedom. A further burst of song emerged from the bath. It was good to be able to do "what is in the interests of this country" he said. The audience cheered loudest when he said now the pound is floating again". The new exchange rate gave Britain's businesses a great opportunity; now they could capture new markets. The Thatcherite reforms of the 1980s had put Britain in a position

the convictions of these three.

where we could resume economic growth, together with our newfound economic freedom. He is quite right. The only thing is why didn't they all see this long before Black Wednesday? I judge he looked as happy as it was safe to be.

He made welcome noises about catting public spending. We must all hope he can deliver. The new economic policy itself, spelt out in a paper to the Treasury select committee, is not too bad. The targeting of inflation figures is irrelevant. It is a piece of public relations which has little or no economic effect. What is important is that we are

back to watching a number of indicators, including broad and narrow money supply, house prices and the exchange rate. The error here is to include the exchange rate. The Bundesbank hardly watches the German exchange rate at all; it concentrates on the money supply. We should do the same. But the Chancellor has at least put himself in a position where he can be guided by asset prices and broad money (M4) which are the key indicators. He is in a position to do the

So far so good. But the crucial element was missing yesterday. What will his interest-rate policy be? We are told that beating inflation remains the key objective. Nobody would quarrel with that. But he should now be reducing interest rates quite sharply, by as much as 3 per cent. in order to bring about recovery. Perhaps he was right not to announce a cut in interest rates in a speech to the Conservative party conference, but the markets were disappointed by its absence and fell back into lethargy. But if he could not announce it yesterday, he must do so soon. Delay and uncertainty are causing further damage to the economy. We are still at a halfwayhouse stage, between high interest rates in order to support the pound in the ERM, and the low ones the domestic economy needs if it is to revive. Only by cutting them can he realise his ambitions to put Britain's interests first and rout his enemies in the Cabinet. Time is not on his

His Treasury advisers, the prime minister and the Bank of England, will all be counselling caution, because they believe that cutting interest rates will lead to renewed inflation. I do not believe they are right. This is in part because they will go on measuring inflation by the figure for the rise in prices over the last year, whereas what matters is the current and future rate of inflation.

I have little doubt that infla-tion is killed, maybe over-killed. On the basis of zero inflation the real rate of interest is still 9 per cent. The growth of the money supply is definitely inadequate at present to sustain either growth or price rises. All the evidence points to a relaxation of the monetary squeeze resulting in lower prices rather than refuelling inflation.

Nor does the fall in the exchange rate contribute to renewed inflation, contrary to the contemporary wisdom. All that is necessary at a time of devaluation is to control the money supply, and that is currently being overdone.

So we are not yet clear which economic policy the Chancellor is going to follow. We do know he has now got in place most of the right criteria for monitoring the economy. But we do not know whether he has really got the political clout, the determination, and the wisdom to cut interest rates quickly and sharply. On this shall he be judged. We should back him and encourage him, especially when we look at those who would like to have

Lord Ridley was Conservative MP for Cirencester and Tewkesbury 1959-92.

# Why Thatcherism still matters

ady Thatcher's latest dramatic intervention in the Maastricht debate reminds us of something more profound than her opposition to the treaty. It is summed up in her earlier remarks on dropping out of the ERM: The dire warnings of what will happen when this straitjacket is removed will quick-ly prove false." She is, as she did all through the Eighties, reject-ing the belief that we can avoid chaos only by imposing a strait-jacket, and reminding us, as Montesquieu and others had remarked in the past, that Britain is "a country which has little resemblance to the rest of Europe".

The solution to this mystery can explain why Thatcherism has been so hard to identify and why today the British attitude to European integration continues to differ from that of the Continent. Thatcherism was addressed to halting the decline of Britain. Its diagnosis of the reasons for the decline was unprecedented. Thatcherites believed that Britain was suffering from a decadence due to the loss of what may be called the "vigorous virtues": a once dynamic people had learnt to take dependency for granted, to wait on hand-outs from the state to support their industries, educate their children, secure their future. The British had ceased to venturous, independent-minded and robust. In short, unlike any other modern political project. Thatcherism was shaped by a view about the character of individuals which was a peculiar British individualism.

The means that Thatcherism adopted were as unusual as its objective because such an individualism can neither be taught out of a textbook nor imposed by fiat but must be communicated by example in an atmosphere of love and trust. Therefore, in order to foster the vigorous virtues. Thatcherism sought to revive the family and to restore confidence in the rectitude of passing on the morality of one generation to the next, for the



government cannot be expected to do something about the character of individuals and families in a modern liberal state. Hence Thatcherites abandoned the automatic assumption that all problems can be resolved only by government. Instead of engaging in partnerships with entrenched interest groups, the Thatcher government saw them

as cosy cartels, breeding grounds of defeatism, and usurpers of the government's constitutional role. Ultimately, Thatcherism was driven by a vision of Britain as a land where individuals distinguished by the vigorous virtues are given room to flourish by a government making rules not strategies and plans. Britain would then be a vibrant island power - energetic, prosperous, respected and in full command of itself. The connection between this vision of Britain and the Thatcherite reluctance to board the Delors train is not a little Englandism or nationalism but something more profound and clusive, which lies at the heart of British individualism. It is a distinctive conception of order which has dominated in Britain and been alien to the Continent.

The continental view equates order with fixity and unity, and regards change and diversity as invitations to chaos which must be repressed if civilisation is to survive. Human life is consequently seen as an arena of

inescapable struggle. Individualism is identified with conflict. And order, it is assumed, can be achieved only by reducing multiplicity to unity and variety to uniformity. A market economy. whether admired or not, is taken to be a struggle for survival in which the strong triumph and the weak perish. As the aim of civilisation is the reduction of chaos to order, civilisation is taken to be a march toward ever greater uniformity and unification. Given this way of thinking, the melting of separate nations into one great European state is as inevitable as it is desirable.

There are no such inevitabilities in the British outlook, that is why Thatcherism could defy "the

forces of history" and do the impossible - privatise nationalised industries, for example. Nor is there any need to stiffe change and diversity. In the British view, the object of a government is to devise conditions that allow change and diversity to thrive in peace. Thus in Britain freedom and order have been regarded as complementary, not as antithetical, and a broad tolerance for eccentricity has flourished alongside a sturdy tradition of constitutional government and civility. A market economy is understood neither as a free-for-all nor as a conflict in which one man's gain must entail another's loss, but as an

ingenious form of co-operation

in which individuals constantly accommodate their choices to those of their fellows to their

mutual benefit. What ultimately divides the two views of order is an attitude to individuality. In the continen-tal picture, individualists are seen as egoistic, restless and disruptive, and vigour is feared as the source of aggression. In the British outlook, individuality is the product of each person's capacity to make himself what he wishes to be; the more vigorous he is, the greater will be his capacity to accommodate to others. Nothing is inevitable because new choices are always being made. Attempts to repress choice and change by great plans and strategies for unification are futile and bound to end in the kind of disaster that we see now in Eastern Europe. For order in human life rests on constant. flexible accommodation to ceaseless change, not straitjack-ets. Of course businessmen and others would like to be secured from all risk and uncertainty. But such attempts are bound to be shortlived and harmful to all

owards the end of the last century, this way of thinking became displaced in Britain by its rival, imported from the Continent. Thatcherism revived it. In doing so. Thatcherism unwittingly appealed to an attitude that many Britons unselfconsciously cherished and welcorned when it was brought back

Not only does the British variety of individualism underly the project to revive the vigorous virtues. It also explains why Thatcherites are both more enthusiastic than their continental neighbours about creating a free market in Europe, and regard the drive for a European state as a project that they can choose to reject without exposing Britain

Shirley Robin Letwin's book, The Anatomy of Thatcherism, is published this week by Fontana (£6.95).



# ...and moreover

Te stand on the threshold of National Will Week. Those of you who may have heard the plangent honk of a rudderless ship of state going down by the stern and, peering through the eco-nomic fog, identified her from that stern as The Flying Dutch-man, out of Maastricht (or very nearly) and into hock, will doubtless greet my announcement by crying, "And about bloody time, too, if ever we needed a National Will week it is now. let us therefore brace ourselves to our duties and so bear ourselves that despite the fact that the British Empire and its Commonwealth did not last five minutes, men will still say: this was their

finest hour!" But you cry, I'm afraid, in vain. National Will Week, which kicks off on Monday, is not about hanging out the washing on the Bundesbank line or digging for victory, it is not about committing ourselves to working harder to earn more money, it is about giving away such money we already have to those who haven't earned it at all. National Will Week is, in short, about the nation's wills. It has been cooked up by the Law Society, who have discovered that only 31 per cent of us have made wills and realised to their horror that unless something is done about it. 69 per cent of us will therefore slip into the ground without leaving anything to our lawyers. Thus, being of sound mind, the Law Society has come up with a

Will Power, cloned hundreds of whom you will next week find haunting the country's streets and supermarkets in glamorous turquoise body-stockings and cloaks, buttonholing the intestate in the hope of persuading them to make sensible provisions, particularly for lawyers. I am not at all sure about this.

Poised at the Waitrose shelving and deep in thought as to whether to select tuna in brine against tuna in vegetable oil. I cannot believe that I should be in a suitable frame of mind to cope with a caped and tighted Sir David Napley suddenly leaping out at me from behind a pyramid of tinned catsmeat and waving a will-form. Indeed many of a less robust constitution than I could well find themselves dropping lifeless at Sir David's feet, which might take some explaining away when he gets back to his practice: if he cannot come up with a satisfactory excuse as to why he did not loosen the customer's clothing, blow into his lungs. jump up and down on his chest. and generally make every attempt to resuscitate him for long enough to put his signature to a length of vellum, the hapless lawyer could easily find himself spending the rest of his days in the conveyancing department, until it was time for him to put his affairs in order and collect his

engraved carriage clock. Nor will this massive campaign be left to the poor bloody infantry. According to a fat pack of highly unsettling burns sent to jaunty little champion called Mr me by the Law Society, solicitors

are also being enjoined to form a cavalry division by deploying Will Buses. "suitably decorated" and manned by solicitors offering £10 discount vouchers on all wills commissioned. These will not only trundle the by-ways. presumably on the lookout for incompetent drivers, jaywalkers, elderly lollipop-men, and anyone else whose days have been actuarially assessed as being more numbered than most, but also "park strategically". The halts are not specified, but since the preceding paragraph urges lawyers to stick promotional fly-posters outside such places as Age Concern offices, doctors' surgeries and health centres, we may make a rough guess at the targeting. Next week, it may not be much fun for anyone feeling a bit off colour and creeping off to the chemist clutching his new prescription, only to find his way blocked by time's winged chariot packed to the gunwales with shricking turquoise lawyers wav-ing tenner discounts at him. And God alone knows why the

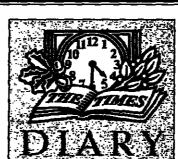
Law Society deemed it sensible to inform me not only that a will was once legally drawn up providing for "a cats' home where inmates were to listen to accordion music for an hour a day," but also that "George Bernard Shaw left a considerable portion of his estate for the purpose of replacing the standard English alphabet." If I were charging people for allowing them to throw the rest of their money down the drain. I think I'd want to keep it under my hat.

#### Knockout party, Jeffrey

LORD Tebbit got himself into a fresh scrap over Europe at the first of Lord Archer's famous "champagne and shepherd's pie" parties in Brighton on Wednesday night. The man they once called the Chingford Skinhead but who is now known as the Maastricht Mauler, was, of course, in the sceptics corner. In the pro-Maastricht corner was Kenneth Clarke, probably the cabinet's most formidable heavyweight Euro-bruiser. Archer was cast as the unsuspecting referee. Richard Ryder, the chief whip, was the ringside doctor, who, after half a dozen rounds, threw in the towel before too much blood was spilled.

The confrontation took place in Archer's suite at the Grand Hotel in the early hours of Thursday morning. As the decibel level rose, other party guests abandoned their own conversations to watch. Round one: Clarke told Tebbit that his conference speech had been "a declaration of war". Round two: Tebbit hit back by telling his opponent to "call off your rat pack and stop them saying things which are not true." Several of Lord Archer's guests promptly struck wagers on the likely winner. The bout swung back and forth for 15 gruelling minutes. All the while the prime minister was diplomatically doseted away in the bathroom

talking to Sir David English. Eventually Ryder intervened, putting his hand on Clarke's shoulder and leading him away. Afterwards spectators could not decide who had won on points. Tebbit himself claimed a moral victory. Mary Archer thought that Tebbit was winning "until he got round to repeating the same argument the called he would have spoken



third time". Another observer thought Tebbit had probably had enough. "I think he was running out of wind and the Young Pretender would have gone on to win by a knockout." Archer, as mine host, was diplomatic. "It was a breathtaking draw between two great heavyweights slugging it out. It never occurred to me to break it up and spoil the fun. It was the best cabaret we have ever had."

Archer was holding another party last night, to which both men were invited. Clarke, at least, was planning to turn up. "Great party, Jeffrey," he told his host at breakfast yesterday. "Who have you lined up for me tonight? I feel I can go 10 rounds with anyone after surviving in the ring with Norman."

#### Chill factor

JOHN MAJOR is promising to get tough at the Tory conference today but several of the new intake of Tory MPs threatening to rebel on Maastricht have already felt the effects of the prime minister's charm. Phil Gallie, the new MP for Ayr, was in conversation earlier this week with Major when the prime minister told Gallie that he had noticed that he had put in a request to speak in the Europe debate.

To Major's obvious irritation, Gallie admitted that if he had been

against the treaty. Gallie went on to say he hoped the prime minister would leave the Birmingham summit next week with concessions sufficient enough to allow the rebels to support the government in the division lobbies. "I hope that is the case. Otherwise, enjoy the elec-tion," Major replied — a clear warning to a man sitting on a tiny majority of 85.

 Should it all get too much for Norman Lamont in Brighton, he will be welcomed with open arms at an alternative party political conference in his own constituency. The Rainbow Connection Conference Party takes place in Kingston

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today to coincide with John Lennon's 52nd birthday. The conference slogan is the "nemesis of nonsense", a title that might equally find something of an echo down on the south coast.

#### Bag lady

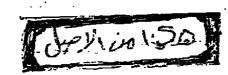
WHAT Baroness Thatcher carries in her handbag has long been a source of debate. Yesterday in Brighton it contained if not a fullblown speech, certainly a "few

thoughts" for use if the former prime minister had been moved to speak. Close friends had advised her not to go on to the platform unprepared, "just in case". She took the hint and had prepared a few words in the event of the stage managers losing control and the conference refusing to sit down un-

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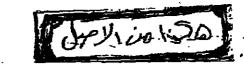
til she had spoken.
One of Lady Thatcher's closest political allies said yesterday: "If she had spoken it was important to get it absolutely right. Not one word could have been uttered which could have been misinterpreted." Such unnatural caution also led Lady Thatcher to pull out of a secret supper on the eve of her appearance in Brighton. She had planned a meal with a handful of her closest supporters such as Ger-ald Howarth, who was her parlia-mentary private secretary, and Simon Heller, deputy editor of The Spectator. In the end it was cancelled. "She thought that people might think we were meeting to conspire against the leadership." said one of those who had been in-vited. Now why would anyone

 One of the first to congratulate Derek Walcott on winning the Nobel Prize was the writer's close friend Paul Simon. Walcott has dedicated some of his work to the American songwriter, in return Simon rarely misses a Walcott poetry reading. Simon was present when Walcott appeared at Stratford upon Avon with Ted Hughes and Seamus Heaney in July for a poetry evening. Despite the stature of the poets present, it was Simon who was pursued by the autograph-hunters, which led to a discussion on the nature of fame. The prob-lem is that people talk about you as if you are not there." said Simon. Walcott may be about to discover the syndrome at first hand



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# ON THE WAY OUT

Speaker after speaker at yesterday's Tory conference economic debate described the devastation wrought by the prolonged recession of the past few years. They appealed to the Chancellor of the Exchequer to restore business and consumer confidence by cutting interest rates. When Norman Lamont rose to speak, he could have been talking about a different world.

In only one paragraph did he acknow-ledge the hardship the recession has caused. The rest of the speech was devoted either to self-justification or to his intention to slay a dragon that already lies near-lifeless at his feet. In Mr Lamont's world, the monster is inflation; in everybody else's, it is recession and the concomitant suffering in lost jobs, lost homes, rising debts and bankrupt businesses.

When Mr Lamont spoke at the International Monetary Fund conference soon after the pound's devaluation, he said his objective was to achieve sustained noninflationary growth. For a brief period, he looked as if he would try to do at least something to end the recession. Now he has been overruled, presumably by his Prime Minister. Any attempt to initiate a recovery has been abandoned in Mr Major's obsession with reducing inflation at any cost.

For the second time, Mr Lamont is being asked to pursue an economic policy in which he does not appear to believe. His speech lacked personal conviction; his heart was not in it. The cliches of his peroration died on his lips as the representatives listened in.

embarrassed silence. The economy is mired in the deepest depression for sixty years. Now the Chancellor intends to cut public spending savagely without taking any counterbalancing measures to stimulate growth. Nothing could be better designed to turn recession into slump. Inflation may fall from 3.5 per cent to 2.5 per cent, but for many companies the price level will be irrelevant: they will

have ceased trading altogether. The gain in competitiveness will be minimal; the cost to people's lives and to the health of the economy will be immense.

Mr Major says it would be irresponsible to risk inflation. What could be more irresponsible than this new policy, which risks permanent damage to the productive base of the British economy? Restraining public investment will dampen what little demand is left, and with no interest-rate cuts, the private sector too will remain paralysed.

Some ministers are claiming that German rates will start to fall over the next few months, and that this will leave room for British rates to drop too. To cut domestic rates now, they say, would be too risky for the pound. So Britain is to creep into the exchange-rate mechanism through the back door: sterling may not have to be stable against the mark, but British policy will still wait upon the Bundesbank

This is bad judgment. If dealers think British interest rates are likely to fall gradually but indefinitely over the next year. they will continue to sell sterling until a floor seems to have been reached. If, instead, Mr Lamont were to cut rates dramatically in one go, and then announce that they would fall no further for the foreseeable future, the pound would rally after the initial shock. because dealers would realise that recovery was under way.

Such little argument as remained earlier this week for keeping Mr Lamont in office has now gone. He has not used his tattered authority to produce a new policy. He is still talking of re-entering the exchange-rate mechanism - though more openly to the Treasury select committee than to the conference. On September 16 he lost the credibility of the markets; yesterday he lost the confidence of many previously hopeful party loyalists. Mr Lamont may still have the confidence of his prime minister, but so did David Mellor until his time finally came.

#### STOP HOUNDING GORBACHEV

Confiscating former President Gorbachev's foundation and bussing in police to seal the building is a piece of spiteful pettiness unworthy of President Yeltsin. The decree evicting the former Soviet leader was issued within hours of his stinging newspaper attack on Mr Yeltsin, and suggests a display of temper by a man unable to take criticism.

This latest episode follows a similar move earlier this year when Mr Gorbachev's limousine was withdrawn after he attacked the government's economic reforms. Such actions are a demeaning humiliation for the man who first loosened the chains of communism; they suggest a capricious disregard for law and property rights reminiscent of the boorish communist attempts to silence critics.

Mr Gorbachev is by no means above reproach. The order is linked to his refusal to testify to the constitutional court which is now investigating the murky dealings of the communist party. He believes that the attempt to call him will be used to discredit him, and has even likened it to the assassination of Kirov in 1934, used by Stalin to launch a purge of his political opponents. Clearly the hearing is intensely political; clearly Mr Gorbachev will be embarrassed by revelations of what the party used to do. But his insistence that he is answerable only to the tribunal of history smacks of arrogance. His depiction of himself as the first post-Soviet "refusenik" mocks the more desperate plight of many thousands of refuseniks who were preventing from emigrating during his rule.

Like the dissidents of old, Mr Gorbachev has decided to ignore mounting state pressure and speak out. But although the West will have sympathy for a giant statesmen of this century, he cannot quite be seen in the same light as a Sakharov. The constitutional court, democratically empowered, has the right to compel his testimony; he is not above the law, even

though it still functions erratically in Russia. The dispute however is about more than whether Mr Gorbachev will testify. Beneath it lies the ousted leader's burning resentment of his successor, and Mr Yeltsin's intense vulnerabilty to criticism by his predecessor a phenomenon not unknown in political life in Britain. Mr Yeltsin is attempting to push forward with reform against increasingly hostile interests: the old guard, the conservatives in parliament, factory managers, nationalists, bureaucrats and the mass of ordinary people despairing of the economic chaos around them. His government has survived but he has had to rule more and more by decree.

Criticism by Mr Gorbachev will not rally a disillusioned people around the deeply unpopular former leader. But it comes on the eve of an important summit today in Bishkek, the capital of Kirghizia, of the tottering Commonwealth of Independent States. Some of the points Mr Gorbachev made last year are beginning to be voiced by others: that the break-up of the Soviet Union was too swift, that a unified economic space must be preserved and that the full-blooded rush to independence has led only to a myriad of border disputes and fighting all along the fringes of the old empire.

Mr Yeltsin is already under pressure to intervene to protect Russians stranded beyond their borders. Without support at home, moderation in resolving differences with Georgia, the Baltic republics and Moldavia will be difficult. To pick a quarrel with Mr Gorbachev is an absurd distraction from the real priorities. Mr Yeltsin would be wise to return the Gorbachev foundation, lift the ban on travel and let the constitutional court work out its own arrangements for testimony by Mr Gorbachev. Harassing a former leader is no way to establish democracy in Russia.

#### **CROWN OF DYNAMITE**

Giving prizes for literature is, in its essence, an act as strange as awarding professorial chairs to the winners of a sack-race. There are no winners among writers. There are no losers. There are artists of varying skills who make private experience public and universal, and who, just occasionally, transcend the mundane. That may be why there are so many literary prizes. The materialist world wants to get grips on and tie down and label this unworldly literary magic, which inevitably eludes it.

The Nobel Prize for Literature is the most politically correct and pompous of all of them. It awards its vast largess of £690,000 a year to a winner carefully selected from countries and continents and races, with an eye on topical concerns and Buggins's swings and roundabouts; though one half the human race may note with a sigh that of the 89 winners so far, only a handful have been women, one of whom was no less a literata than Pearl S. Buck. The members of the Swedish Academy who pick the winners are shellbacked place-holders who hang on to their places and their prejudices until death. Even they, though no doubt highly literary Swedes, cannot read all of the

world's 5.000 or so current languages. This year it was rumoured to be an Asian writer's turn. There has been only one so far, Yasunari Kawabata of Japan in 1968. As usual with such an in-and-out and unsporting event as the Nobel, the betting was wrong, and the prize has gone to Derek

Walcott of Trinidad. By Nobel criteria, he has a number of virtues. He has both African and European blood in his veins. Both his grandmothers were slaves. He is the first West Indian to

win the Nobel, and a poet who has written a Homeric work on Caribbean culture. As the Swedish Academy citation remarked in their usual higher waffle: "For a poetic ocuvre of great huminosity, sustained by a historical vision, the outcome of a multicultural commitment."

Walcott is much better than that sounds. He started life as a journalist, and has a taste for schoolboy puns and other jokes. His latest major work is Omeros, a vast narrative epic of some 2,500 stanzas of rhyming hexameters transposing Homer's Iliad and Odyssey to a West Indian fishing village. Such a wild venture cannot be all bad. He deserves the Nobel as much as anyone.

When William Golding received the prize he declared: "It really means nothing in this country whatsoever - but then, being a writer here means nothing either." When Jean-Paul Sartre turned it down, he said: "A writer must refuse to allow himself to be transformed into an institution." Years, being told over the telephone he had won, said: "Stop babbling, man! How much?"

On hearing the news yesterday. Derek Walcott said: "Why me?" Later he found the correct Nobelian platitude, and declared: The principal thing is that West Indian literature has been recognised internationally, and that's good." So it is. And wherever it falls, and however absurd by definition is its treatment of literature as a horse-race. it must be a good thing that once a year the bounty of the inventor of dynamite should go to the quieter but equally explosive agent of the written word. Nobel is an honour to literature, in a world that rates fiterature low.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Industry, media comment and economic guesswork

From the Deputy Director-General of the CBI

Sir, Getting the support of Bernard Levin to the cause of British manufacturing is encouraging ("The unmaking of the British". October 5) but it worries us if he only uses *The Sun* as his source of manufacturing informa-

We may have a horrible recession. and it is disappointing that many sectors of British industry have gone into decline, but media misery of an unbalanced nature doesn't heip any-

British manufacturing output last year was up 22 per cent on ten years ago, the UK has 43 companies in the Fortune 500, ahead of all except the USA and Japan, and UK productivity in the 1980s increased faster than all major industrial nations except Japan. In fact, in the 1980s we stabilised our share of world trade for the first time for a century, and exported 60 per cent more per head than Japan.

However, the CBI's national manufacturing council believes that we need to do a lot better. At the CBI's national conference in November we will launch a report calling for a new partnership for action to make British manufacturing world-class. This will involve industry itself, government and the City. Media support, including Bernard Levin's, will also be

Yours sincerely, MARK RADCLIFFE, Deputy Director-General, Confederation of British Industry, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

From Mr Andrew McIntyre

Sir, My new, award-winning business venture - we design, manufacture and sell small greenhouses - is on the brink of collapse, victim not just of the recession but of the British banking system. The bank with which I deal (one of the top five) operates on a basis of high charges, short-termism and inflexibility. There is no one on the front line with first-hand industrial experience, or even an empathy with what we are trying to achieve.

If I go, Britain will lose another innovative product, I and my financial backers will lose £170,000, my family home will go, the local community will lose six more jobs. And it will cost my bank nothing.

Too many manufacturers are hiding under the lathe when the bank manager's shadow appears at the door. But I believe the battle must be made to share some of the pain that they too readily inflict on their clients.

Yours sincerely, ANDREW MCINTYRE, Backwoodsman Horticultural Products. Barcaldine, Oban, Argyll.

From Mr T. D. I. J. Bristow Sir, Howard Davies, director-general of the CBI ("What industry needs",

Threat to city squares

Sir, The tears of affection shed by Mr

D. L. Heath of CrossRail (letter,

October 2) as to the quality of the

proposed architecture on the Cross-

Rail project resemble those wept by

He says that London Underground

and British Rail are keen to find

designs which can be incorporated

into the existing cityscape with the minimum of disturbance and disrup-tion. These good intentions for London's buildings should be set

against CrossRail's proposals to take

over some of London's most outstand-

ing squares - Hanover Square, Soho

Square, Red Lion Square and in

particular Finsbury Circus - as work

sites and dumps for five years and more which will ruin the environment

CrossRail says it will reinstate, but

will the trees, some 150 years old, or

the bowling green in the City's only

green park or the amenities in the

other squares ever be the same again?

Yours faithfully, A. J. BLACKBURN (Chairman, Friends of Finsbury Circus),

Lancashire County Cricket Club

Sir. Now that Mr Smith is revamping

his party, perhaps he would abandon

the misappropriated red rose as its

political symbol. The red rose is

essentially a Lancastrian badge,

going back over 600 years, and today

it is probably more readily associated

with this club than with any other

Many people - not all Lancastrians

- object strongly to a political party making use of the hallmark of a chub

whose patron is Her Majesty, Duke of

You report (Diary, October 1) that Mr Smith has sacked his advertising

agents. Let us hope he will complete

the exercise by abandoning one of

their most unfortunate recommenda-

Lancashire County Cricket Club,

of these open spaces.

25 City Road, EC1.

Pruning time

body.

Lancaster.

Yours faithfully

President.

ALICK LEGGAT.

Old Trafford, Manchester M 16 OPX.

From the President of the

From Mr A. J. Blackburn

the walrus for the oysters.

October 5), wonders about which way the government must now go in terms of setting a new economic agenda. Why? I thought we had one. All that has changed is that we now do not have a fixed exchange rate.

Regardless of the arguments about rejoining the ERM, industry must get

on and grab the business that's out there with zeal and determination, confident that industry is now no longer constrained by artificial restric-tions on its ability to take advantage of

new opportunities.
As a small businessman and committed European involved in the manufacture of bricks, I welcome the release of dormant economic tools to boost that confidence we so desperately need in the market place.

We need relative freedom to pursue our profitable goals, we need the government to help not hinder our progress and we need a cut in relative interest rates to bolster that confidence. We do not need debate by industrialists about joining the ERM - that will happen if the conditions are right and the will is there.

Yours sincerely. T. BRISTOW, The York Handmade Brick Co. Ltd. Forest Lane, Aine, North Yorkshire.

From MrA. J. Lucking

Sir, Your leader of October 3, "A grail too far", perhaps underestimates the damage caused by our present tax system, which imposes heavy burdens on manufacturing industry. I believe that Chancellor Lawson's tax changes are one reason why our capital stock is 17 years old on average, versus nine years in Germany and seven in Japan.

The present system, with 100 per cent relief only for repairs, encourages "make do and mend" rather than plant renewal. Overall, the UK corporation tax take is 4.1 per cent of gross domestic product, against 2 per cent in Germany, 2.4 per cent in France, and 2 per cent in the USA.

Since the uniform business rate was introduced, some companies in the South East have found themselves paying over three times as much: yet as far as one can determine in our innumerate island, that is where a disproportionate share of our exports originate.

Yours faithfully, A. J. LUCKING, 20/17 Broad Court, WC2. October 3.

From Mr Rowland J. Gee

Sir, Our unplanned exit from the ERM and the subsequent "guessing game" has seriously impaired in-dustry's ability to predict sales, margin and cost.

We were overvalued against the deutschmark and in my industry we were unable to compete with the hitech engineered production of Germany. Quite simply DM295 bought considerably more there than £100 did here.

Foreign aid reduction

Sir, We refuse to believe in the

government's readiness to cut another large slice off Britain's aid budget

(letters, October 5, 8). Aid as a proportion of GNP has aiready fallen

from half to one third of 1 per cent

(1979-92). As heads of scientific

institutes researching overseas dev-

elopment, we write to support the

be increased.

What concerns me now is that the UK manufacturing capability that we do have left is waiting for companies such as ourselves to supply them with raw materials (cloth in our case), much of which is sourced from continental Europe. While the UK waits, inertia sets in, the pound sinks and our factories lay people off.

Our politicians should negotiate to re-enter the ERM, using today's rate as central, and rebuild our credibility by convincing the market that they are realistic and sensible stewards of a country that accepts that it needs to catch up with its EC partners.

Yours faithfully,

R. J. GEE (Group Managing Director). Moss Bross Group, 8 St John's Hill, SW11. October 5.

From Mr David A. Turnbull

Sir. With the latest savage cut-backs by British Aerospace, Ford and Rolls-Royce, the position of Britain's manufacturing-based enterprises is deteriorating almost daily. The problem is now so horrendous that positive action needs to be taken as a matter of extreme urgency.

This newly founded group, consisting of manufacturing, processing and engineering companies, has a simple and clear vision and objective. It is that the UK economy must establish a strategy which would enable it to achieve a balance of trade surplus, sustainable on a regular basis.

This would give stability and meaningful prosperity to the people of the UK. Furthermore, a strong UK industrial-based economy would mean a stronger and better balanced Europe, and would have mitigated the turmoil of the last few weeks.

Yours faithfully. D. A. TURNBULL (Director General), UK Industrial Group, 7th Floor, Victoria House, Victoria Road, Aldershot, Hampshire. October 5.

From Mr Andrew Rowe, MP for Kent Mid (Conservative)

Sir, One gleam of light to set against Bernard Levin's gloom: on Sunday, an engineering firm in my constittiency, Minister Racing Engines, saw its team of two young Spaniards come first and second in the Formula Renault Championship for 1992.

it is a triumph for a British engineering company and a manifestation of the European Community: Spanish drivers, Frenchdesigned car, British engineering and management skills.

We should not talk Britain or the European Community down too far. Yours faithfully,

ANDREW ROWE, House of Commons. October 6.

#### signed development schemes. Our plea is not for ourselves, but for From Professor J. F. J. Toye and others millions of poor people world-wide

whose lives are improved by our aid. Hitting the most vulnerable the hardest is not morally attractive, nor can it be in Britain's national interest. Why alienate friends in developing

countries when in the long run their prosperity and our trading interests must be interlinked? Britain's political credibility would only be further eroded by such a shortsighted econ-

Archbishop of Canterbury's coura-geous call ("Tories and the church", October 6) for the aid programme to Yours faithfully, J. F. J. TOYE Our own research and experience (Institute of Development Studies), RICHARD FEACHEM tells us how beneficial most of Britain's aid programmes and projects (London School of Hygiene are, both to the recipients and to the and Tropical Medicine UK's international position. A budget JOHN HOWELL so long squeezed now contains very (Overseas Development Inst MICHAEL McWILLIAM little nugatory or misdirected expen-(School of Oriental and African Studies) DAVID MOLYNEUX JOHN H. D. PRESCOTT

The cumulative experience of aid (Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine). management has taught many lessons on how to ensure aid effective-(Wyz College) ness. So the potential for well-targeted M. M. H. SEWELL aid has never been better — nor has the need for it been greater. (Centre for Tropical Veterinary Medicine), Institute of Development Studies,

University of Sussex,

October 8.

Falmer, Brighton, East Sussex.

Any cut now would cripple in particular our bilateral efforts, both in short-term relief and in British-de-

Yugoslavia and the UN From the Chargé d'Affaires a.i., Yugoslav Embassy

Sir, Marc Weller ("UN puts Belgrade in a legal limbo". September 24) writes that the UN decision "that the rump Yugoslavia composed of Serbia and Montenegro cannot automatically assume the membership of the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia ... reflects general international law", though he adds that "it appears at first inconsistent with earlier practice".

In fact, such a decision is absolutely contrary to both general international law (see, inter alia, the position taken by the legal committee of the UN General Assembly on October 7, 1947, concerning the separation of Pakistan from India) and specific international law (two UN conventions on succession of states, both pending entry into force). It is also contrary to all relevant UN prec-

Mr Weller quotes the example of Russia continuing in the seat of the Soviet Union and points out as the

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"crucial difference" the agreement of other republics "to nominate Moscow as their principal representative in New York". That is nonsense. The republics that were not already repre-sented in the UN all obtained seats. The only question was the Security Council seat, where indeed others agreed that Russia should continue. But that has nothing to do with the

case of Yugoslavia. Mr Weller's final sentence is: "The Western states have thus acquired another lever to exert pressure on Beigrade." That is one lever I am convinced will not work. The whole thing is so patently wrong and unfounded that it transcends the question of the quality of the regime that is targeted and is seen as the blatant application of the old adage that might is right.

It is not helpful to either the principle of universality of the UN or to the constructive efforts of prime minister Mr Panic.

Yours sincerely, FEODOR STARCEVIC, Yugoslav Embassy, 5-7 Lexham Gardens, W8.

#### The proper place for Radio 4

From Mr Michael Peacock

Sir. The BBC's plan to replace Radio 4 on long wave with a "rolling news service" (report, September 29: letters, October 3, 6) is deeply flawed and should be withdrawn.

The pressure from BBC News to take over Radio 4's long-wave frequency has put BBC Radio in an impossible position. Unless it gives up its plan to close Radio 4 long wave, the BBC's most loyal listening public will march upon Broadcasting House, or start blocking motorways. However, if it carries on as at present, using three wavelengths for Radio 4, the vast majority of the Radio 4 audience will continue to listen in mono, which is tantamount to admitting that broadcasting Radio 4 in stereo is a waste of licence-payers'

This may be why the BBC has not made a case to the government to be allowed to continue Radio 4 on long wave. It could also explain why BBC Radio management has given in to pressures from BBC News for more

The BBC claims it has discovered a "high demand" for a rolling news service. This claim appears to be based upon the listening figures for Radio 4's continuous coverage of the Gulf war, and sounds to me like a classic example of "BBC speak".

As a former member of BBC management, I do not believe in this demand; my impression is that Radio 4 listeners like the present range of news and comment and that many of them would welcome a bit less news coverage, not more.

Let us hope that the BBC will think again. It should delay any irrevocable decisions until after the forthcoming review of the BBC Charter. If it does not, our new national heritage secretary should intervene and request the BBC to continue Radio 4 transmissions on all three wavelengths, as at present. This would be a welcome sign that he is ready to take account of the views of listeners and licencepayers in his review of the BBC's future.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PEACOCK, 21 Woodlands Road, Barnes, SW13.

From Brigadier John Russell

Sir, Mr Adam Western (letter, October 6), in accepting being cut off from Radio 4 himself, fails to realise that tens of thousands of British servicemen whose time on the Continent is neither as voluntary, nor, possibly, as lucrative as his, are also to be cut off.

Further, there are many thousands of us here in the Channel Islands who, at present standards of transmission, will be similarly dis-advantaged although we do pay our television licences.

Yours faithfully, J. A. P. RUSSELL, L'Amarrage. Alderney, Channel Islands. October 6.

From Miss Jane Francis

Sir. My mother represented all the features of the devoted radio listener noted in previous correspondence. She was carrying her radio from room to room many decades before the advent of the "tranny".

However, she also came to represent a group I have not seen mentioned: the elderly partiallysighted and increasingly deaf. In my mother's later years she became more and more dependent on the radio for company but found adjusting it very

There must be many people like her who should not be deprived of the easily managed long-wave Radio 4.

Yours faithfully. JANE FRANCIS, 152 Churchway, Haddenham, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

#### Over the top

From Mr Paul Eddington

Sir, The cruelty and insensitivity with which Matthew Parris ("... and moreover", September 28) drew careful attention to, and ridiculed, a performer's attempt to conceal his baldness shocked and amazed me. He all but named his victim, who must now be an object of attention, amusement and, one hopes sympathy, to all with whom he comes in

It is difficult to see how Mr Parris could make amends.

Yours faithfully, PAUL EDDINGTON, c/o ICM Ltd... 76 Oxford Street, W1.

#### Harvest lesson

From Dr E. A. Smith

Sir. At our harvest festival service the young reader of the lesson from St Matthew advised us to "take therefore no thought for the marrow". As my wife whispered: "It's the pumpkins you have to watch."

Yours sincerely. E. A. SMITH. 27 Hewgate Court, Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire,

Letters should earry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 8: Wing Commander David Walker RAF had the honour of being received by The Queen, when Her Majesty invested him with the insignia of a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Queen arrived at Buckingham Palace this afternoon. Mrs Robert de Pass has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The

Queen. BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 8: The Duke of York this evening attended the CARE Cartoon Auction at the Mall Galleries, London SW1. Captain Neil Blair RN was

in attendance. BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 8: The Princess Roval, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, attended a Council meeting at Saddlers' Hall. Cheapside. London EC2.

Her Royal Highness this evening delivered the Wooldridge Memorial lecture at the British Veterinary Association 1992 Congress, International Conference and Exhibition Centre, Harrogate. The Countess of Lichfield

was in attendance. CLARENCE HOUSE October 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited Morone Cottage, the Aberdeen Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Holiday Cottage in Ballater. The Lady Elizabeth Basset KENSINGTON PALACE October 8: The Princess of Wales, President, the Royal Marsden Hospital, this morning opened the new Clinical Block at the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Road, London SW3.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a Dinner hosted by the Baroness Chalker of Wallasey (Minister of State, Foreign and Com-monwealth Office) at the Lanesborough Hotel. Lanesborough Place, London

Mr Patrick Jephson was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE October 8: The Duchess of

Gloucester was present this evening at the Premiere of the restored production of Orson Welles' "Othello" in aid of the Shakespeare Globe Trust at Curzon West End, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1. Mrs Michael Wigley was in

KENSINGTON PALACE October 8: The Duke of Gloucester was present at the Douglas Bomford Memorial Lecture at the Shuttleworth College, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

Major Nicholas Barne was

The Duke of Kent celebrates his birthday today.

#### Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as Chancellon of London University, will open the Arthur Levin building and dental school extension. Bessemer Road, SE5, at 10.05; and, as President of the Council for National Academic Awards, will attend the awards ceremony at

#### Service dinners

Royal Naval Regulating Branch Admiral Sir John Kerr, Com-mander-in Chief, Naval Home Command, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Royal Naval Regulating Branch last night in HMS Nelson (Whale Island), Portsmouth, Lieutenant-Commander T. Daniel, Provost Marshal (Navy), presided. Advanced Class Dinner Chib

Professor Sir Hermann Bondi was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Advanced Class Dinner Club held last night at the Royal Artillery Officers' Mess,

Eaton Hall OCS Major General Sir Philip Ward presided at the 5th reunion dinner of the Eaton Hall OCS at the Naval & Military Club last night. The principal guest was General Sir Charles Guthric. It is intended to unveil a commemorative Army Plaque in the Chapel at Eaton in 1993. Any former officer cadet or instructor not already in touch with the Dinner Secretary is invited to write to: Room 0353. MoD, Whitehall, SWIA 2HB.

#### **Appointment**

Simon Langford, previously Assis tant Master of the Music at Peterborough Cathedral and Assistant Organist at Christ Church, Ox-ford, has been appointed Organist and Director of Music at Hamp-

#### **Dinners**

Society of London Art Dealers

Mr David Posnett, Chairman of the Society of London Art Dealers. presided at the 60th anniversary linner held last night at the Tate Gallery. Viscount Astor, Govern-ment Spokesman in the House of Lords for the Department of National Heritage, the Hon Nicholas Serota, Director of the Tate Gallery, and Mr Neil MacGregor, Director of the Nat-ional Gallery, also spoke. Among

others present were: The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, the Countess of Avon, Viscountess Astor, Lord and Lady Chorley, Lord Crathorne, Lord Goodman, CH, Lord and Lady Machriane of Benrydean, Lord and Lady Machriane of Benrydean, Lord and Lady Southenlid, Lord and Lady Sainsbury of Preston

Industrial Tribunals for England

Judge Lawrence. President of the Industrial Tribunals for England and Wales, was host at a dinner Club for regional chairmen. Mr J. Maguire. President of Tribunals for Northern Ireland, Mrs D. Littlejohn, President of Tribunals for Scotland, and Mr M.B. Wilson, Secretary of Tribunals for England and Wales, attended.

The Treasurer of the Inner Tem-ple, Lord Griffiths, and the Mas-

Inner Temple

ters of the Bench entertained the Treasurer of the Middle Temple, Mr Allan Heyman, QC, and Members of the Bench of the Middle Temple at direct last night at the Inner Temple. **Appointment** 

#### Captain Shaun Lyons to be a Circuit Judge assigned to the South Eastern Circuit.



What a blow Richard O'Brien, presenter of the Channel 4 programme Crystal Maze, tries out a "puffometer", a prizewinning entry in a competition for schools run by the National Asthma Campaign to mark Asthma Week. Helping to test Mr O'Brien's puff, and discover the capacity of his lungs, is Kate Ralph, 9, of Broadclyst School, in Devon, one of the schools that designed and made a winning entry

#### Catholic family chapel is saved from ruin

By PAUL WILKINSON

A CHAPEL which was at one Stockton and Darlington time the largest Roman Catholic church in England has been saved from impending decay by English Heritage. The 165-year-old church of St Paulinus at Brough Park near Richmond, North Yorkshire, has stood unused for almost 20 years and become victim to vandals and the weather.

Now with the aid of an 80per cent grant of £166,208 it is to be re-roofed and stained glass which English Heritage say is an exceptional example of its period will be repaired. St Paulinus, which is listed Grade 2\*, marks a significant

point in English eccesiastical history. It was built in 1837 as a family chapel for Sir William Lawson of Brough Hall, a leading Catholic figure in the region at that time. The construction was in thanksgiving for the Catholic Emancipation Act which permitted freedom of worship for English and

Irish Catholics Its architect was Ignatius Bonomi, who built many significant churches in northern England and designed the country's first railway bridge at Skerne, co. Durham, for the

Sally Pegg of English Heritage said: "St Paulinus is important because it is an architecturally correct copy of the Early English style of the 13th century. Bonomi based his drawings

on the design of the chapel of the Archbishop of York, which is now the Minster library. The church is also unusual in that it is built in two storeys. The ground floor contains a schoolroom and entrance hall which leads up to the actual

church on the first floor. Almost 80ft long and built in local pink limestone the church dominates the entrance to the Brough estate. Earlier this century the estate fell on hard times. The house was converted into private apartments and in 1955 the chapel passed to the Middlesbrough diocese, but services were not held regularly.

a link with the Lawson family. A descendant. Greville Worthington, is assisting in the restoration and will move into the three-bedroomed presbytery attached to the chapel.

seph Farwell Glidden, farmer,

inventor of barbed wire, De Kalb,

Illinois, 1906; King Alexander I of

Yugoslavia, assassinated, Mar

seilles, 1934; Sir Wilfred Grenfell,

medical missionary, Charlotte, Vermont, 1940; Eugenio Pacelli, Pope Pius XII 1939-58, Castel-

gandolfo, Italy, 1958; Sir Henry Tizard, scientist, 1959; André

Maurois, novelist and biographer,

Paris, 1967; Che Guevara, guer-rilla leader, Bolivia, 1967.

The repairs will also restore

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Sir George Tomline, Bishop of Winchester 1820-27, Bury St Edmunds, 1750; Charles Camille Saint-Saëns, composer.
Paris, 1835; Nikolai Bukharin,
revolutionary, Moscow, 1888;
Jacques Tati, actor and film director, Paris, 1908; John Lennon, Liverpool, 1940. DEATHS: Claude Perrault, architect and physician, Paris, 1688; Sir Richard Blackmore, physician and writer, Boxted, Essex, 1729; Jo-

#### Memorial service

Sir Patrick Meaney
A service of thanksgiving for the
life and work of Sir Patrick
Meaney was held on Wednesday
at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street. Father Michael O'Brien, S.I. officiated. Mr David Brooks, President of Hadequins Football Club, read the lesson, Mr Frank Meaney, brother, read from the works of Canon Henry Scott Holland and Sir Denys Henderson, Chairman of ICI, gave an address. Last Post

was sounded by Corporal M. Fawcett, The Parachute Regiment, and Piper Major Kevin Frazer, The Irish Guards, played Flowers of the Forest Among others

of the Forest. Among others present were:
Lady Meaney (widow), Mr and Mrs A Meaney (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs A Connell Stepson and stepdaughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs B Kemp Stepson-in-law), Mr and Mrs B Kemp Stepson-in-law, Mr and Mrs B Kemp Stepson-in-law, and step-grandchildren), Miss Margaret Meaney (sister), Mr abbert Transer (brother-in-law), Mrs Bair, Miss Caumet Meaney, Mr Jonathan Meaney, Mr Robert Transer, Mr Step-grandchildren), Mrs Bair, Miss Caumet Meaney, Mr Jonathan Meaney, Mr Robert Transer, Mrs William

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cases enexured, sir Arthur Bryan, Sr. Denis and Lady Mountain, Mr and Mrs A. W. Stenham, Mr and Mrs M. Jackansur, Dr. and Mrs D. V. Afferians, Mr. Fed Turner (Rank Flim Distributors). Mr. Cyrll Howard imanaging director. Pinewood Studies) and Mrs Howard others from the communication. Studios and Mr. Howard others from the organisation.

Lady Trethowan, Lady Cleaver, Lady Duncan, St. John Davis, Str Roy and Lady Sisson, St. Peter Yarranton Sports Council and Rugby Pootball Union) and Lady Staramon with Mr Dudley Wood; Str Robert and Lady Edunt. Str James and Lady Branch and Lady Hunt. Str James and Lady Branch Str Stewn Minon, Str Eric Founnain, Str Acket Alexander, Lady Holdsworth.

Str Gordon Bontle, OC. Str Peter Graham. Str Christopher Benson (stalman, MEPC, and The Boots Company) with Mr. J Tockey Imanaging director, MEPC, Str Charles and Lady Reco., Str David and Lady Rowe-Ham. Aftr.

Recc., Sir David and Lady Rowe-Ham, Air Marshal Sir Charles and Lady Fringle. Sir John Spartow (chalman, Romerace Betting Levy Board) with Mr T Richetts (chief executive), Lady Henderson, Sir Anthony Tippet (Great Ormond Street Hospital) Lady Cave. Sir Alex and Lady Larran.

Robert Clark, Sir David Orr, Sir John Grenside. Mr G A Croughton (secretary, Bank o Grenside. A Croughton isecretary, Bank of England also representing the governor, Mr Tom Frost ideputy chairman, National Westminster Bank) and Mrs Frost, Mr G P. Parish and Mr A P. Firminings (Barciays), Mr W F W Bischoff (Graizman, Schroders) and Mrs Bischoff with Mr. Bruso I. Schroder, Mr Pater Wilnio-Sitwell (Vocchairman, S G Warburg Group), Mr Jeffrey Hughes Schröders (Mr Beschoff with Mr N. Spong and Mr P Hotler, Mr Let Collect (Sauvas Bank), Mr Rudy Bogni (Swiss Bank Corporation).

Mr Don Stewart (The National Stud), Mrs Joanna Davies and Mr Mike Stockdale (Racceourse Technical Strokes Mr Miles Goding and Mr Dawid Hillyard (Racceourse Holdings Trust), Mr Timothy P Neilgan (Online Racceourse and Mrs Neilgan), Mr M Rogan (Gaming Board for Orea Britain), Mr R Blackman (Shundwick), Professor Klaus Schwab (World Beonomic Forum, Genesal with Mrs Maria Cansul and Mr Swephen Kilmergik Mr V G Roberts Barharian Foothall Club) and Mrs Roberts, Mr L McKallax and Mr Hump Saig (Commba Pictures), Mr Carlstopher Hedges (United Imensational Pictures), Mr Bernard Fournier Imaniaghin-director, Rank Revol, Mr Paul Yornancald (Pul) Revol.

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Mr N K S Wills (American Chamber of
Commerce (UK)), Mr Sindon, Webley
(British-North American Comminee, Mr
Anthony Williams (regional controller,
Odeon Cinemas), Mr Nell Coffins (city
editor, The Daily Trelegraph), Mr Wwalton
(Reck Mailin and Care),
Mr Jeffrey Rose, Mr Rossell Evans, Mrs
A McCurley, Mr and Mrs Alan Williams,
Mr Cheries Pick Mr Robert Bosby, Mr and
Mrs Brit Harwell. Mr and Mrs Alan
Cornelius, Mrs David Brooks, the Res Paul
Nelson, Miss Shella Mann, Mrs Betty
McChinkh, Mrs Joyce Rose, Mr Reg
Kindred, Mr Richard Sermon, Mr Michael
Julien, Mr and Mrs Martin Laing, Mr Lew
Wasserman, Mr and Mrs William R
Miller, Mr Christopher Elides, Mr Lan
Tegner, Dr Patrick and Dr Christine Riley
and Mrs M Hinder.

Sir Karl Parker

A memorial service for Sir Karl

Parker, Kt. CBE, MA, PhD, FBA, Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford 1943-62, Honorary Fellow 1962-92, will be held in the College Chapel on Saturday, October 31, 1992, at 2.30pm.

Birthdays today Mr Joe Ashton, MP, 59; Barones Berkeley, 87; Mr Brian Blessed, actor. 55; Colonel W. S. Brownlow, Lord Gentemant of County Down, 71; Miss Sally Burgess, singer, 39; Mr Pani Channon, MP, 57; Lord Chelmer, 78; the Right Rev Lord Coggan, 83; Dr William Cole, organist, 83; Sir Colin Corness, chairman, Recland, 61; Mr Denzil Davies, MP, 54; Mr Smart Devlin, gold and silversmith, 61; Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge, 85; Professor Sir Herbert Duthie, pro-vost, University of Wales College of Medicine, 63; Mr Peter Ellion, athlete, 30; Sir David Goodall, diplomat, 61; Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, KG, CH, 85; Miss Mary Jarred, contraito, 93; Mr H.U.A. Lambert, chairman, Sun Alliance Group, 67; the Duke of Manchester, 54; Sir John Margetson, diplomat, 65; Mr N.M. Mischler, former chairman, Hoecist UK, 72; Earl Nelson, 51; Hoechst UK, 72; Earl Nelson, 51; Miss Marianne Neville-Roife, principal, Civil Service College, 48; Mr Steve Ovett, athlete, 37; Sir Norman Payne, former chamman, BAA, 71; Mr John Pilger, journalist, author and film maker, 53; the Earl of Plymouth, 69; Commander Michael Samders Watterner overident Historic son, former president, Historic-Houses Association, 58; Sir Mich-ael Shaw, former MP, 72; Mr Donald Sinden, actor, 69; Colonel the Earl of Stair, 86; Mr Bill Tidy,

#### carriconist, 59. Needlemakers'

Company

The following have been elected officers of the Needlemakers Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Stuart Anslow Wilson: Senior Warden, Mr Ronald Hadley: Junior Warden, Mr Stanley Fintham.

Farmers' Company

The following have been installed as officers of the Farmers' Company for the ensuing year. Master, Mr Adrian J Tritton; Senior Warden, Mrs E R Wheat-ley-Hubhard: Junior Warden, Mr R L Clifton-Brown.

# marriages

**Forthcoming** 

and Miss S.A. Mitson The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mis Anthony Andrews, of Brighton, Sussex, and Sally Ann, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Alan Mitson, of Staines, Middlesex. Mr S.J. Burder

and Miss K.J. Wilson The engagement is announced between Simon only son of Mr and Mrs Robert Burder, of Farnham. Surrey, and Kate, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Wilson, of North Berwick, Esst

Dr P.W. Frew and Dr C.E. Thirtell The engagement is announced between Patrick, son of Dr and

Mrs James Frew, of Downham, Essex and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eric Thirkell, of Crail.

Mr D.V.M. Mallet

and Miss J.M. Byrne
The engagement is announced
between David, youngest son of
the late Sir Victor Mallet and Lady
Mallet, of Witsersham, Kent, and
Juliette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Howard Byrne, of South Ke ton, London.

Mr W.R. Marks
and Miss J.A. Price
The engagement is announced
between William, second son of
Mr and Mrs J.G. Marks, of Old Harlow, Essex, and Julie, second daughter of Mr and Mrs P.R.

Price, of Huyton, Liverpool. MrC.M.S. Moore and Miss A.C. Evans

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Henry Moore, of Shucknall, Herefordshire, and Annabel, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Julian Evans, of Radyr,

Cardiff. Mr S.H. Pollack and Miss F.A. Benstead

The engagement is announced between Steven, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Sidney Pollack, of Bushey Heath, and Fiona, younger daughter of Mrs Pamela Benstead, of Tunbridge Wells, Kens and of the late Mr DJ.

Dr D.A.A. Ray and Dr N. Günneberg The engagement is announced between Dominic, elder son of Mr netween Dommic, eder son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Ray, of Llansadwm, Dyfed, and Nadja, second daughter of the Rev Her-bert and Mrs Ginneberg, of the Isle of Gigha, Argylshire. Mr J.M. Stansard

and Miss M.C. Geanspules
The engagement is announced
between John, son of Mr and Mrs G.M. Stannard, of Wighton, Nor-folk, and Maria, daughter of Mr and Mis H.P. Geanopulos, of

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Wilmington, Delaware, USA.
Mr.R.D. Stewart
and Mrs G.E.A. Roberts The engagement is announced between Bobby, eidest son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Douglas and Mrs Gillian Stewart, and

Lulia Roberts, of Hilton of Gask, Mr R.M. Willia and Miss R.M. Aspen The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr

Williams, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr D. Aspen and Mrs Mr R.R. Williams and Miss J.L. Stott The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and

Mrs John Williams, of Hove, Sussex, and Jennie, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Stott, of Bromley, Kent. Marriage

Mr B. Bowiby and Miss M. Colyer

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 3, 1992, at the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Domition of the Mother of God and All Saints, Ennismore Gardens, SW7, of Mr Benjamin Bowlby, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Bowlby, of London, NWI1, and Miss Mylanna So-phia Colyer, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Colyer, of

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Pride, agrogance, evil ways, subversive talk, all those I hate.	BIRTHS
Proverbs 8:13 REB	
BIRTHS	MARTIN - On Septemb 24th 1992, to Alison in Hulchings) and Gil. a so Hector Cordon.
ADLER - On August 18th at the Humana Hospital Wellington. to Alan and Valerie, a son. Joseph Jacob Immanuel.  ALMEIDA - On October Sth. to Anne thee Cresph; and Ceoffrey, a daughter. Katherine Flonuala. a sister for Pairick and Jenny.  BATTERSBY - On October 5th 1992 to Rosallind and Simon, yet another daughter Octas is nother daughter Octas is Rose, sister to Hannah. Mattida and Florence.  BERRY - On September 22nd 1992 to Gillian and Michael, a son. Richard Michael Adam.  DAVEY - On October 5th, to Rhian (née Davies) and Charles, a son. George Pennant Fleunes, a fishing companion for Alice.  FORWOOD - On October 5th 1992. Io Sabbina (née Davies) and Edward, a son, Mector, a brother for Scarlett.  GRUBB - On September 20th. Io Jenny and Tony, a	MILEHAM - On October 8 1992. to Catherine un Mair) and Cariton. a so Charles Fredrick.  OATES - On October 8 1992. at The Wallingto Hospital, to Catherine un Snetil and Jon. a daughte ber 25th. to Robert and 2c a daughter. Hannah Victori a sister for Tierran.  PARSONS - On October 7th Poosle and Paul, a daughte lashetie Alexandra. a sist for Alice and Edmund.  PATTISSON - On Octob 7th 1992. to Frances un Everyl and William. a 50 Frederick James.  PHILIPS - On October 1 1992. al Bedford, to Nico (nee Peck) and Mark. a so Bentamin Rayner.  SAFFER - On October 6th. the Humana Hospit Wellington. to Judith ar Clive. a son. Harrison James
daughter. A sister for Rusraidh. Arabella and Georgina. GYSELYNCK - On September 25th. to Helen (nee Taylor)	SELWYN SHARPE - C October 7th. to Fleur ar Richard, 8 son, Thoma Richard Gildart.
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25th. to Helen inee Taylor and Richard, a daughter Medeleine Elizabeth, a siste KENNEY-HERBERT - On September 24th to Emma inter Stokest and Michael sons. George and Harry, brothers for Max. LARRARD - On October 7th 1992, to Julie fnée Smarti and Ian, a daughter, Charlotte Lewise.

LORIGDEN - On October 1st. at Queen Chartotle's Hospital, to Joanna and Mark, a daughter, Tatlang Elisabeth Jame.

Richard Gildari.

WILKINSON - On October 2nd, lo Grace, wife of Charles Wilkinson, a son, Henry Charles Edward,

DEATHS ASHBY - On Oriober 6th.
Frances, peacefulty at her Longwood home, widow of Morris, much loved mother of Cillian, James and Rosemany and loving grandmother. Late of Kingsgate Road, Winchester. Funeral Service at County Darket Chinch on Ringsgate Holid. Winchester. Funeral Service al. Owsleburs: Parish Church on Thursday October 18th at 12 aboon. Enquiries to Jino Steel & Son. (0962) 844044.

DEATHS SATUR - Un recentific to Croemwich Hospital. aged 76 years, Margaret Vaughan (Peggy Shepheard) dearly loved wife of the Revd. Tom Ashion. Private family

CLARK - On October 6th 1992. Alexandra Lucy Venice Hockenhull born 3 months premature on September 3rd 1992. For 34 days Oliver had a sister and Simen and Caroline had a daughter. We will always always love her. No flowers please but donations payable to the Winnicott Foundation.

COOPER - On October Sit.
Derok Ernest, of Herne Bay.
Kent. Suddenly. The huneral
will be held at St Martin's
Church. Herne, on

GOPESTICK - On October 5th. peacefully. Edgar Benjamin, tale of Press Association, dear husband of Aghavni and lather of Vivienne and Roberta Funeral at All Saints Church. Orphysion, Kenl. at 11.15 Monday October 12th. DAVIES - On October 6th 1992. William Hardwicke. peacefully at Crowcombe. Court. Crowcombe. Court. Crowcombe, Somerset. Formerly of Rye. East Sussex. Freeman of the City of London. Much loved husband, tather and grandfather. Enquiries c/o 103841 324291 DRURY - On October 7th, atler a long iffness coura-geously borne, Basil John, aged 36, Funeral Aylmerido Church, Norfolk, October 10th, 2.30 pm. Doattons for Macmillan Nurses or Cancer Research c/o Blyth Funeral Services, Sheringham.

HAMPSON - On Sundas October 4th, Mary Elizabeth Ince Adamsi aged 82, of Farnham and formerly of Pasadena, California. on Tuesday October 13th at 2.30 pm. After the cremation friends are invited to meet at the Bush Hotel. Farnham. Flowers or donations to the Research Fund of the Alzheimers Disease Society may be sent to A & W Goddard Ltd. Funeral Directors. Kent Road, Fleet, Hanks

HILL - On October 2nd 1992. Raiph Francis of Burley. Private cremation has taken place. Memorial Service to be HOLMAN - On October 8th, peacefully at home. Winifred, efter a spirited two year flight against cancer. Much lowed wife of Kim and adored mother of Sarah, Sevena. Alice and Catherine Grandmother of Max. Lily, Jack and Lury. Funeral Wednesday October 14th at 12 noon at 81 Maxy's, limingion. Family flowers only. Donabons if desired to The Royal Marsden Hospital. Fullham Road, London SWS.

HITTSON - On October 4th.

Sir Frank Halson, aged 97.
peacefully at home in
Barbados, dearly loved
hustiand of the late Murtel
and Dorie, Lady Husson,
father of Michael. John and
Philippa. Furreral Service at
St Michael's Cathedral in
Bridgetown on October 9th
at 5 om

DEATHS KEITH - On October 6th 1992.
Helen Marjorte Inse Horsey), devoted wife of the Jale Desmond Keith and much loved aunt to three generations. Cremation service at Putney Vale Crematorum on Monday October 12th at 1.15 pm. MARSDEN - On October 7th.

MARSDEN - On October 7th, pearcfully.

Audrey Einabelth, aped 87 yearsformerly of Bognor Regis
Training College, and dear 
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Funeral al Chichester 
Crematorium at 12.15 pm on 
Wednesday October 14ib. 
Flowers to Edward White & 
Son. South Palland, Chichester, let: 10243) 782136. McCARTHY - On October 1: 1992. Niall St. John Supreme Court Judge 1992. Nitall St. John Supreme Court Judge. Irrisadi and his wife Barbara. of Dublin, following a molfor accident in Spain, greatly loved lather and mother of Niall. Ruft. David and Barbara. Their funerals look place in Dublin on Wednesday October. 7th 1992 Lellers and cards to Fanasams Funeral Directors. 54 Aungles Street, Dublin 2. Tel: 010 353 1 784361. Fax: 010 353 1 784361.

MEAGER - On October 7th, peacefully at the Andoner Nursing Home, Betty Romilly Meager: in her 89th year, Daughter of the tate Griffith and Beatrice Brower, Wife of the Inter-Romits's Meager: in her 89th year. Daughter of the late Griffith and Beatrice Brewer. Wife of the late Capt. George Meager A.F.C. Betoved mother of Griffith, Timothy. Fels:fly. Romits' and Faith and much loved grandmother and great-grandmother. All enquiries to Halcrow & Sotts Funeral Directors. 6A Bridge Street.

PHELAN - On October 6in
1992, peacefully after a long
illness. In Peacehaven.
Sussex. Terence Phelan.
Funeral Service at St Francis
Church. Ascot. Berkshire. at
10 am on October 13th.
Donations in lieu of flowers
may be sent to Cancer
Research Campaign.
Cambridge House. 6-10
Cambridge Terrace. London
NW1 4JL.

REES - On October 6th 1992. peacefully, Mike, Funeral at 3 pm, October 15th 1992 at Medway Crematorium, No flowers, Donations to Cancer MEMORIAL SERVICES

BLUNT - The Memorial Service for Colonel Brian E. Bluni, late Chief Executive of The Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, will take place at 2.30 pm on Thursday November 5th at the Church of Holy Trinity, West Hill, Putney and afterwards at the Hospital, CORRERY - A Memorial Service for Group Captain M.P.C. Corkery AFC, RAF trel'di will be held al Caristichurch. Upper Marsh Road. Warminster, Wills. op Wednesday October 14th 1992 at 2.30 pm. MCKEE - Alexander, Memoria Service. Portsmouth Anglican Cathedral. Old Portsmouth, Hants., Sunday October 11th 3 pm, Friends

IN MEMORIAM -PRIVATE ODMO - Paul 1944-87. "Be thou my judge O Lord, for I have walked innocently".

LEGAL NOTICES RIDGE ENTERPRISES LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN pursuant to Section 98 or the insolvency act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Survet, Manchester, M4 19D, on Wednesday the 14th day of October 1992 at 12.01 in the adamond for the purposes mentioned in Sections on, 100 and 101 of the said Act.

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PERSONAL 5.30pm 2 days prior.

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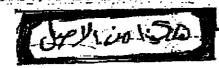
Answers from page 18 INTERCALATED

(b) Inserted-in the calendar, from the Latin interculars to put a day or days in the calendar to keep up with the sun, also transferred to mean put between layers; Nabokov, Ada: "Narrow dim valleys with intercalated cotton-wool bits of cloud that seemed placed between the receding sets of ridges to prevent their flanks from scraping against one another." VERIDICAL

(c) Truthfal, truth-telling, from the Latin verse true + dicere to say: "One slim eyebrow crooking into a perfect caret in his no-nonsense, veridical way."

EAGRE (c) A tidal wave of nansual height, caused by the rushing of the tide up a tidal estuary, chiefly with reference to the Humber (and Treat) and the Severa, perhaps from OE segar. In the cage of the Amazon. the whole tide passes up the stream in five or six waves, each twelve or fifteen feet high."

RASCETA (a) Creases on the inside of the wrist, medical dog Latin; Gaddis, The Recognitions: "He watched the fin wrist with its exaggerated resceta disappear."



#### **OBITUARIES**

Sir (Richard) Geoffrey (Austin) Meade KBE, CMG, CVO, a leading member of the British consular service during and after the second world war, died on October 2 aged 90. He was born on March 8, 1902.

THE strangest mission ever assigned to Geoffrey Meade emanated from Winston Churchill during the second world war. It was to seize two healthy young Barbary apes in North Africa and urgently dispatch them across the Mediterranean to Gibraltar.

The signal marked "Top Secret" arrived after 2am at Tetuan in Spanish Morocco when Meade was then serving there as consul. The prime minister, while visiting the Rock, had been alarmed by the dwindling number of its primates. Mindful of the legend that the British would leave Gibraltar with the apes. he sent out a priority order for some

Meade, summoned from his bed in his pyjamas, was confronted with a task demanding great diplomatic skill. The enthusiasm of the Spanish authorities to help the British cling on to the Rock was, to say the very least. lukewarm.

But they finally, grudgingly, agreed and supplied him with a handsome mating couple which he kept in a cage in his sitting room, feeding them on bananas, until their safe conduct across the Straits could be assured.

Geoffrey Meade could thus claim to have played a small part in keeping the British Empire in one

His second most unusual job during his long career in the consular service was perhaps to shave his SIR GEOFFREY MEADE



travelling companion, the King of Greece, while fleeing from the German advance during hostilities. Both men had cause to count themselves lucky to be alive.

Meade was serving as the consul in Crete when the Germans invaded. Advised to take shelter in his garden to confront his Maker, only to find instead, the anxious features of the admiral who had dug him out of his "tomb". They then set off across the mountains where they linked up with

Unable to move or even to see, one

eardrum damaged by the blast, he

thought for a moment he was about

the escaping royal court from Athens and together camped out on a beach awaiting rescue. Before leaving the consulate Meade had snatched what he thought was a blanket to protect him from the cold. It turned out to be a pile of old Cretan embroidery he had bought to take home as a present for his young wife. So he slept under the stars huddled in that — and it was to become a treasured family

The royal party including Meade was eventually picked up by a British destroyer which took them to Egypt. from where they were moved to South Africa. He shaved the king when the party crossed the equator, playing the role of the barber in the traditional "crossing the line" ceremony.

Geoffrey Meade was born in France. His father, an Oxfordeducated historian and educationist. had married the French heiress to a large Normandy estate and the family lived there - in between extensive travelling on the Continent The diaries, written by his mother during the war when her manor house was occupied by about 40 German troops, was the subject of a BBC radio programme five years

Young Geoffrey who grew up bilingual, was educated at the Ecole Alsacienne in Paris, then Balliol, Oxford, where he read history and took part in amateur dramatics, becoming a founder of the Balliol Players.

He entered the Levantine section of the consular service in 1925 and was sent to King's College, Cambridge, to add Arabic and Persian to his French, German, Spanish and Italian. Then he started his eventful consular career by being sent to Tangiers in 1927.

His subsequent postings included Salonika in 1929, Aleppo, 1930, Athens, 1931, Salonika again, 1933, Tangiers for the second time in 1935. Valencia, 1939, Crete. 1940. Dakar (briefly) and Tetuan, 1943. Istanbul, 1947, Marseilles, 1951. Düsseldorf, 1957, and finally Milan 1958 — from where he retired as consul-general in 1962. He continued to work briefly for the Foreign Office, mainly on a special assignment in Venezuela, but then after 12 months opted for his Oxfordshire garden and total retirement.

Geoffrey Meade was a good horseman as well as an actor when a young man, taking part in polo and pigsticking tournaments in Morocco. He was also deeply fond of classical music, opening his official residence while in Milan to a constant stream of visiting British opera singers and ballet dancers. Many, including Dames Joan Sutherland and Margot Fonteyn and the conductor Sir John Barbirolli and his wife, remained lifelong friends. After suffering a disabling stroke 12 years ago he kept a radio by his side permanently tuned to Radio Three.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth, whom he met when they were undergraduates together at Oxford and by three daughters.

#### **VINCENT** HALLINAN

Vincent W. Hailinan, one of America's most controversial and crusading lawyers, died at his home in San Francisco on October 2 aged 94. He was born in. San Francisco on December 16, 1897.

VINCENT Hallinan was in jail. serving a six month sentence for contempt of court. when he was selected by the Progressive Party as its candi-date in the 1952 United States presidential election. The nomination probably ap-pealed to his Irish sense of mischief, but he took it seriously enough to launch a solid campaign on his release from prison, standing on a platform of ending the Korean war and in favour of the passage of civil rights legislation. In the end he got 140,000 votes — somewhat fewer than Dwight D.

Eisenhower. Throughout his career, Vincent Hallinan fought against injustice and corruption, al-ways representing individuals rather than corporations. For years he conducted a one-man crusade to eliminate a corrupt court system in San Francisco, under which juries were filled with employees of insurance companies and others unsympathetic to negligence suits. The legal establishment at first denied his accusations, then shunned him as an outcast, but Hallinan finally won reform after exposing the Jury Commissioner as a bribe-

Hallinan appeared for the defence in a number of famous murder cases, and is credited with transforming American court strategy through his habit of laying out his case in full at the outset, thus pre-empting the prosecution. His cross-examination technique was legendary, and he often displayed such superi-or medical knowledge that doctors called as expert witnesses were made to look foolish. "That's all," Hallinan would say on such occasions, "you can crawl down off the witness stand now."

His most celebrated case was the defence of Harry Bridges, the Australian-born president of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, who was being used for perjury and conspiracy in 1950 after denying at naturalisation hearings that he had ever been a

communist. Throughout the 80-day trial, Hallinan fought passionately for his client, accusing the government of fraud and corruption and arguing frequently with the judge. Bridges was found guilty, but Hallinan got the conviction overturned on ap-peal. He himself was less fortunate: his own appeal against a prison sentence imposed by the judge for criminal contempt of court was dismissed. A second cousin to Eamon

de Valera, Hallinan was one of eight children born to Irish immigrant parents. His father was a San Francisco cable car conductor who worked 14 hours a day every day of the year, and Hallinan rarely saw him. He was educated at St Ignatius College, a Jesuit insti-tution which later became the University of San Francisco. There, he edited the college magazine, captained the football team and became the school boxing champion. The talent for fisticuffs served him well during his legal career, since he was much given to picking corridor fights with any opposing lawyer who had the temerity to defeat him in the courtroom. By his own scoring he had 23 such

encounters. After serving with the US Navy during the first world war. Hallinan returned to St Ignatius to complete his law degree and was admitted to the bar in 1921. The best efforts of the Jesuits, however, failed to inspire him with much loyalty for their cause: Hallinan subsequently sued the Roman Catholic Church for fraud, demanding that it produce proof of heaven and hell. His practice thrived from the start. He rapidly gained a reputation for meticulous preparation, innovative courtroom strategy, and a readiness to represent unpopular causes and notorious criminal defendants. But his militant style frequently got him into trouble.

On one notable occasion. when a judge asked if he meant to show contempt for the court, Hallinan replied: "No Your Honour, I'm nying to conceal it." He referred to one prosecutor as "the greatest incompetent since Caligula made a consul of his horse."

Hallinan continued to work actively until shortly before his death. He is survived by Vivian and five sons.

ETHEL Hudson, the last surviving member of New Hampshire's Shaker colony, has died aged 96. Her death marks the end of more than 200 years of Shaker pacifism and simple living at the vil-lage. The US has only one other Shaker community, in

Ethel Hudson

Hudson, born in Salem,

Mass, performed various jobs at the village, serving as a pastry cook, housekeeper, seamstress and tour guide.

In 1965 Shaker elders and eldresses decided not to accept new members but to set up a trust to protect remaining villages of the sect, which once numbered 6,000 members in 24 communities. The New Hamoshire community will remain as a museum.

#### Oct 9

ON THIS DAY 1952

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This fearful accident occurred when a Perth-London express, running late, collided with a local train standing in Harrow station: soon afterwards, the Euston-Liverpool express. double-headed and running hard, ploughed into the wreckage. It was stated later that 112 persons had been

#### DEATH ROLL **UP TO 85 IN**

RAIL CRASH

One of the gravest railway disas-ters ever experienced in Britain caused the loss of at least 85 lives. and injury to more than 200 persons, at Harrow and Wealdstone Station, on the main London Midland region line from London to the Midlands and north, just before 8.20 this morning. A hundred and sev-enty of the injured were detained in hospitals. All the most dire features of such severe accidents

— except outbreak of fire —
contributed to the loss of life in

this tragic wreck of three trains. The night express from Perth to London, travelling an hour late, entered the station on the up fast line, where there was already standing a semi-fast local train which had left Tring at 7.3 Ia.m. for Euston. The impact was severe, but within a matter of seconds - almost certainly less than a minute afterwards another express, the 8 a.m. bound from Euston to Manchester on the next track ~ the down fast line - plunged into the wreckage. Its departure from Euston had been delayed

was torn as the coaches of the three trains piled upon each other to a height of about 30ft. the note was nearly the width of the two tracks and people cross-ing the bridge were struck and plunged into the wreckage below. The hole was nearly the width of

In a moment the station became one great point of casu-alty, in which the impromptu services of the survivors brought valuable first assistance; and it was not many minutes before vital services were drawn there from Wealdstone. Harrow, and the neighbouring parts of Middlesex. The whole of this man man man appearance of the services of the main railway artery was closed to traffic, and for hour after hour everything was done to succour the injured and extricate the

The accident had occurred at a time when this suburban station which run through it from northwest to south-east — that is, from Watford towards Wembley and Euston - the fast lines - both up and down — are the central pair. To one side of them run the slow pair, with another platform. sidings, and a seventh track beyond: and to the other side of the fast lines are the electric tracks of the Broad Street and Euston-to-Watford suburban

service, over which run also trains of the Bakerloo line. The second collision brought a dealening sound, as of an explo-sion, and debris was hurled about the station. The Manchester train was "doubleheaded." Its two engines travelling heavily under steam, were making good speed for the long gradient ahead. In front of them. the powerful locomotive of the Perth-Euston express had become deeply embedded in the rear coaches of the local train, and some of its coaches, includ-

Into this wreckage the two locomorives plunged at considerable speed. By the impact they were forced to the left, away from the other trains. They ploughed through and across platforms 3 and 2, demolishing the stone-

ing a sleeper, were reared un.

#### **JOE MITCHENSON**

soil that Meade was buried.

during a raid, he dived into a slit

trench together with an admiral from

the British Embassy in Greece (whose staff had already fied from

Athens) when four incendiary bombs

landed. The bombs narrowly missed

them but threw up such a mound of



Magnies with a mission: theatre historians Joe Mitchenson, left, and Raymond Mander at the National Theatre

Francis "Joe" son. Mitchenson came from Mitchenson, author. within the "profession" and theatre historian and joint founder of the Mander and Mitchenson Theatre Collection, died in Orpington Hospital on October 7 aged 81. He was born on October 4, 1911.

JOE Mitchenson was an actor who early on became a magpie. With his partner, the late Raymond Mander, he assembled a mammoth collection of theatrical memorabilia which became the best archive of its kind in the country. Newspapers, magazines and researchers for television programmes knew that the Mander and Mitchenson collection was the best bet for anyone in search of a rare photograph, a yellowing playbill or just simply an object connected with those who The hobby eventually took once trod the boards. The immediate. over. They began to arrange Mander and Mitchenson knew exactly what they possessed and where to find it.

of the archive - but the two men had everything filed away in the memory bank. They met just before the last war when they were appearing together in The Merry Wives of Windsor. Both had strong theatrical connections. Mander's parents were enthusiastic patrons, with an especial liking for the music-hall

Their Sydenham house might

have been crammed full of

theatrical incunabula and

some more recent items -

even the lavatory carried part

appeared as a child dancer before training at the Fay Compton School of Dramatic Art. His West End debut was in Libel at the Playhouse in 1934, a production in which an unknown called Alec Guinness had a walk-on part.

al Horse Artillery until he was invalided out in 1943. He continued acting professionally until 1948, but with Raymond Mander he used every opportunity on tour to raid antique shops and second-hand bookshops in search of anything which car-ned a morsel of theatrical history. It could be a postcard or a playbill, a painting or a figurine representing some past performance or, better still, a discarded costume or

small theatre exhibitions around the country. A little money came in from radio plays and the first of a long series of books covering every aspect of the theatre began to be published. Hamlet Through the Ages came out in ' 1952; there were "Companions" to twentieth century dramatists including Shaw. Maugham and Coward. Mander and Mitchenson, though, were concerned not just with words and greasepaint but also with bricks and mortar: The Theatres of London (1961) was followed by The Lost Theatres of London (1969). Both studies

During the war Joe Mitchenson served in the Roy-

were meticulously researched. Joe Mitchenson also combined with newspaper critics, including J. C. Trewin and Philip Hope-Wallace, on other

Mander and Mitchenson became part of the West End theatre scene, especially its first nights. They were thespians and they were flamboyant, often favouring opera cloaks and long flowing necker-chieves as they held court in

the stalls. The physical contrast was considerable. Mander was short with something of the stance of an expuglilist: Mitchenson tall, with long grey, flowing hair and, in later years, a silver knobbed cane.

They became the friends of the stars, who dubbed them "The Boys" or, in the case Noel Coward, "Gog and Magog". And they benefitted from that friendship. The

collection was augmented by any number of gifts from actors and actresses tidying their homes, to say nothing of legacies. Noel Coward left them among other items a dressing-gown apiece.

overflowing the Sydenham house and a trust was estab-lished with Lord Olivier as president with the understanding that all should eventually be left to the nation.

By 1977 the collection was

1983, the year in which Raymond Mander died, and Joe Mitchenson took an apartment in the same building. There he stayed close to all the objects he had acquired over

# fifty years of searching, cajoling and just plain bidding until his own death.

partner, and is opposed to women's membership to this day. But now Bernard's daughter, Michele, has tipped the balance in women's favour by insisting, when she put a considerable amount of her money into the club after a business expansion share scheme failed earlier this year,

# Club gives women

After a number of problems.

some of which were caused by

the impending abolition of the

GLC, the collection was

moved to Beckenham Place in

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE Wig and Pen Club, a watering hole for lawyers and journalists housed in intrigu-

Bernard Coral admits, that the Wig and Pen has not had women members before. "It is just that the club adopted a rather chauvinist attitude and never liked it to be known that women could join", he says. In fact the club's founder, a

waiter called Dick Brennan, had the habit of signing up life members at £1 or nothing according to mood, but Mr Coral, who has run the club since 1981, thinks fewer than 50 women were ever admitted. The present active male membership he estimates at Mr Coral's father, Joe, now aged 87, was Mr Brennan's

by five minutes.

#### Latest wills Mr Richard Martin Bing-

which they passed on to their

ham, QC, former Northern. circuit judge, and Conservative MP for Garston 1957-66. left estate valued at £1,055,619 net. Sir Ralph Regnault Millais, of

Winchelsea, East Sussex, former businessman and vintage motoring enthusiast and grandson of the pre-Raphaelite painter John Everett Millais, left estate valued at £449,301 net. He left £500 to Trinmity College, Cambridge. The Rev Peter Watts Pitt Brook, of Clifton, Bristol, the England-Barbarian rugby footballer and chaplain of Clifton College, left estate val-ued at £124,603 net. He left £5,000 to Clifton College to set up a charitable fund to assist children entering the college in financial need, £1,000 to Abingdon School, Oxfordshire, £500 to Emmanuel College, Cambridge and £100

to Ridley Hall, Cambridge. Miss Jean Lanyon of Isleworth, northwest London, left estate valued at £389,847 net. She left £500 to St Christopher's Hospice. London SE26, and the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Royal College of Surgeons, National Library for the Blind, RNLI, and Royal Hospital and Home for incurables, London SW15. Professor Geoffrey Reginald

University, left estate valued £195.622 net. Miss Amelia Christina Williams, of Meols, Merseyside. formerly of Antield, Liverpool,

Giles, of Roundhay, Leeds,

Professor of Surgery at Leeds

left estate valued at £176,087 net. She left her entire estate equally between the RNID and the Guide Dogs for the Blind Association. Other estates include (net. before tax paid):

Ruth Mary Wetherell, of Ryton. Shifnal. Salop £735,647 Maureen Agnes Dearnley, of West Bridgford, Notts

£621,154 Mr Thomas Arthur Lawry Strachan Hicks, of Calstock, ....£1,142,739 Cornwall... Mrs Betty Scott Guttridge, of Chelmsford, Essex .. £643,763 Mrs Annie Irving, of Huyton, Merseyside ......£789,796 Mr Ralph Jahn, of London W14 E529,431

Mrs Doris May Jarvis. of Walsall, West Midlands £1.021.211 Mr Leonard Albert Maybury. of Harborne, Birmingham

Mr Frederick Peach, of Barnt Bournemouth. Dorset

£535,218 Mr Heinrich Wydra, of Miss Joan Harvey Wyllys, of

Great Yarmouth, Norfolk £646,713 Mr Guy Homfray Adden-brooke, of Willsbridge, Avon £513,889

Margaret Jessie Batson Barratt of Leicester £511,714 Mr Alfred Blakeman, of Market Drayton, Salop £1,381.514 Mr Charles John Dixon, of

Penrith, Cumbria £2,007,730

Mrs Josephine Miniam Jan-

away, of Thatcham, Berks £568,318

#### **Prospectors** search isle of gold

GO WEST, young man, might still be the advice given to those seeking wealth in the dark days of 1992, just as it was in 1849 and 1886. But for Europeans the new Klondike is not as far as California or Alaska; it is the Achill islands off the coast of co. Mayo, in the Irish Republic. A few weeks ago

stormwaters exposed traces of gold, as well as lead and zinc, in what are claimed to be marketable quantities. Since then prospectors have been visiting the remote and beautiful islands in unseasonable

numbers.
The 90 inhabitants of the island of Inishturk are alarmed at the invasion of their solitude and have declared firmly that their heritage is not for sale.

ireland is not unfamilar with gold rushes. In 1968 small quantities were discovered in co. Wicklow, a few miles from Dublin; seven years ago there was activity in the Sperrin mountains in co.
Tyrone, and in 1990 the government banned prospecting on the "holy mountain" of Croagh Patrick, on the mainland overlooking the Achill islands, which St Patrick is said to have climbed in the 5th century and which attracts 100,000 pilgrims a year seeking less worldly blessings.

#### **Bronze Age coppermine** is open to visitors

By Norman Hammond ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A MINING engineer, a geol- and accountant Edric Roberts. ogist and an accountant have in the Great Orme Mine opened a Bronze Age copper mine in North Wales as a private enterprise.

Visitors can penetrate shafts and tunnels dug over three thousand years ago, and examine stone and bone tools used to extract and process the

The mine, on Great Orme Head at Llandudno, had long been reputed as Roman or Celtic in origin. However, it was only when Duncan James, a local amateur archaeologist, followed up a hunch that the workings were very much earlier than had been believed that ancient charcoal was discovered. This was later dated by radiocarbon to before 1000 B.C.

At this point the Welsh Development Agency, which had been charged with the task of removing the debris from Victorian mineshafts on the Great Orme, proposed to bulldoze the entire area; Tony Hammond, a mining engineer who had explored ancient mines around the world, persuaded the development agency to leave the upper 40ft of the Victorian shaft open to give access to the prehistoric

Mr Hammond (no relation of your correspondent) has now been joined by two partners geologist Andy Lewis

Company Limited, which has obtained a 40 year lease on the area and has built a centre for The mine itself has been

2200 BC and spanning some .600 years. The tunnels themsleves go at least 300 metres (1,000ft) into the hillside and descend 70 metres below the surface, on at least ten levels. Some of the chambers that were carved out by the miners are so large

they were thought to be Vic-

studied further, yielding ra-diocarbon dates as far back as

torian in date when they were first recorded. The tunnels follow the twisting veins of ore through the soft limestone. Hundreds of stone hammers, made from beach pebbles, and picks and scrapers made from antlers and animal bones have been recovered: the largest hammer weighs more than 29 kilograms (64 lb).

Many of the tunnels were so narrow that they must have been worked by child labour. The process of extraction has been recreated on a video which is being shown in the visitor centre, after which the top two levels of the Bronze Age mine can be toured.

Source: Current Archaeology 130:404-9

# a welcome

ingly rickety Tudor premises close to Fleet Street and immediately opposite the Law Courts, is aiming to entice women into membership. It is not, the chairman

former London night-club

that women should be publicly

The loss of life among the passengers in these three trains was severe, but to it were added casualties among passengers still on the platforms, and more on a footbridge immediately above the wreck. In this footbridge, by which passengers from the booking offices gain access to the central platforms, a great hole

work and causing more casual-ties among people waiting there.

# EC will fight to keep all powers at summit talks

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE European Commission will fight to keep its full range of powers in the impending shake-up of the way EC policies are drafted, to be debated at the emergency summit in Birmingham by Community leaders on October 16.

Henning Christophersen, the EC's budget commissioner, in a private briefing with Danish journalists yesterday, said the Commission would be unlikely to propose cutting back the powers of any one commissioner. Mr Christophersen's remarks seem to have put paid to rumours

#### **Princess** gives vets dock brief

By Michael Hornsby

THE Princess Royal yesterday shocked veterinary surgeons by defending publicly the docking of dogs tails at birth as a measure to prevent injury in later life. She told vets they were wrong to get "so uptight" about docking and should concentrate on more important welfare issues.

The Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, of which the Queen is patron, has called tail docking an "unnecessary mutilation" and is expected next month to rule that yets who perform the operation should face a prima facie charge of disgraceful professional conduct, for which they can be struck off.

She told the British Veterinary Association in Harrogate the Royal College was "off the mark". To call docking a mutilation was "a gross exag-geration of the truth". She said: "My own experience of working dogs suggests it is sound preventive treatment to remove the bit that is going to get damaged - the tail wagging in the cover the dog is working in. If you have ever met a dog that has damaged its tail, you will know how difficult it is to treat." But she | transport of live animals, supagreed that removing tails for cosmetic reasons was not a good idea.

circulating for months that environmental policy in par-ticular might be substantially removed from Brussels's

Anticipating the four-hour debate on Monday at which Jacques Delors and his 16 colleagues will finalise the infamous "subsidiarity paper" to be presented at the Birmingham summit, Mr Christophersen pointed to the following likely reform

 Each new directive for an EC law from the Commission should contain an explanation of just why Brussels thinks it should hold sway over mem-

 No one area of Commission competence should be singled out for attack.

 Each amendment by member states to Commission directives should be explained by the governments concerned, particularly in agriculture and budget policy.

The Commission's annual

working programme should take subsidiarity into account. An inter-institutional agreement between Commission. Council of Ministers and European Parliament on subsidiarity should be forged.

Today the Commission will review one of its own studies which shows that just 6 per cent of EC proposals in 1991 were actually based on ideas from the Commission. It is likely to use this as ammunition in its fight with EC governments on subsidiarity. and will also doubtless use the other evidence thrown up by the study, which shows that it is often member states' amendments which make EC directives so notorious.

Mr Christophersen was pessimistic about the new EC lawmaking process that could emanate from Birmingham. 'It will definitely be more difficult in the future to reach compromise in the Council of Ministers," he said.

A subsidiary squad in the commission has been weeding out those directives doomed to failure in the current climate of suspicion. They include a British-backed directive on the ported widely by animal rights groups but loathed in France and southern Europe.





Fancy colours: The Italian designers Octavio and Rosita Missoni make the most of striking primary colours in materials ranging from wool to cotton to chiffon for saucy shorts, long line cardigans and slinky slit skirts in their ready-to-wear collection for next spring and summer, which was unveiled in Milan yesterday

# **Fanfare for Santa Margarita**

Continued from page 1 men with bulging pockets strode up. And then Pharisees surged through the security-search — a wave of Chaneland-pearls women and men with silk handkerchiefs. Suddenly the barriers were dragged aside, a small car tore through, four big men leapt from it, and a Jaguar swept up

She emerged. She was in black with a new diamond brooch - dagger-shaped must have cost a fortune - all of two speeches to Japanese businessmen. The media went wild. A line of furry microphones advanced like lancers. riedly forward in her partridge-walk, quick little steps. "Are you being disloyal, Lady

in its wake.

Thatcher? Mrs Thatcher," (under stress we revert), "are

you being disloyal?"

No reply. The little steps came even faster. The partridge was almost in flight. "Is that blood on your teeth, Lady Thatcher?" — this, sotto voce. Word ran around the hall, where a debate on jobs was in progress. Lady Thatcher was waiting in the wings. Gillian

Shephard was laying into new age travellers. The old age traveller was imminent. "And for those over 50, as many of us are," said Mrs Shephard, "who have been unemployed for more than six months . . " Nobody laughed. Mrs Shephard spoke of Jig job interview guarantee.

Through the blue velvet which

curtains the door to the plat-

form, a female hand reached - and was withdrawn. Mrs Shephard promised to abolish May Day, and consult on a new holiday. "Thatcher day," someone cried. Everyone was waiting. The upper balconies of the hall were secured with safety nets—lest she should try

to fly down? But she walked. Her entrance, when it occurred, filledthe hall with a kind of moral panic. Many went crazy. Others stood out of courtesy. A large minority stayed seated. A handful refused to clap. There were boos. A few walked out. It was not like last year.

Like Santa Evita, Margarita's cult is secure for ever, and grows every year more intense. But the mainstream is turning away.

#### Dismay as house prices suffer their biggest fall

Continued from page I ector of Royal Life Estates, said: "I am very disappointed in Mr Lamont When you consider the numbers of people affected, and the plight of people facing negative equi-ty, I think he should help the market by lowering interest rates. A one or two per cent cut would be most helpful."

James Barty, senior UK economist at Morgan Grenfell, said that 7 per cent base rates might trigger general economic recovery, and recovery in housing. He gave warning against an immedisterling had stabilised. "If sterling stabilises at its current level and it is not under further

pressure, then I think Mr Lamont should lower interest rates, but cautiously," he said. A cautious response would

reflect a consensus among analysis that there were extraordinary circumstances in September. Would-be buyers were scared off by fluctuations in interest rates as the pound left the exchange-rate mechanism. The price falls also reflect the rush to buy homes in August before reimposition of the £30,000 stamp duty

John Wriglesworth, housing analyst with UBS Phillips & Drew, said: "It is too soon to say meltdown, but this could mean meltdown within a couple of months."

#### Lamont avoids the key questions

Continued from page 1 falling steadily for three years, a seemingly endless series of small cuts about the steady give comfort. only to short-sellers of the currency, without restoring confidence among consumers

Until yesterday morning, there had been tears among the short-sellers that Mr Lamont might spring some kind of bullish surprise on the markets, either in Brighton, or in his appearance next week before the Commons Treasury Committee, or in his Mansion House speech on October 29 The speculation had ranged from sharp cuts in interest rates, accompanied by a public sector wage freeze, to an announcement that the Bank of England would be made independent of Treasury controi. But the Treasury made clear yesterday that its letter to the Treasury committee contained all of the targets and policy measures the Chancellor was going to propose. Mr Lamont has put all his cards on the table, but as far as the speculators are concerned, there is not one trump among

Who, then was Mr Lamont trying to impress? There seems to be only one plausible answer. The Chancellor insisted in his speech that Britain must not go back into the ERM, unless and until it is right for this country" and this was one of the few lines in his speech to raise some sincere cheers. But a few minutes earlier, the Treasury had re-leased its officials statement with a very different message The first point to clarify is whether and when sterling

will return to the ERM. The government has made clear its intention to resume Britain's membership of the ERM; but it will do so only when a number of conditions have been satisfied." Although the conditions the Treasury went on to list may have seemed demanding, they were actually much less specific and restrictive than the Madrid conditions that eventually drew Margaret Thatcher against her will into the ERM.

Perhaps, the Chancellor's speech did shed some light on a crucial question: who has won the Cabinet battle, not only over Maastricht, but also over-economic policy and the ERM? The winners seem to have been Michael Heseltine iasts turned deflationists. The man Lamont

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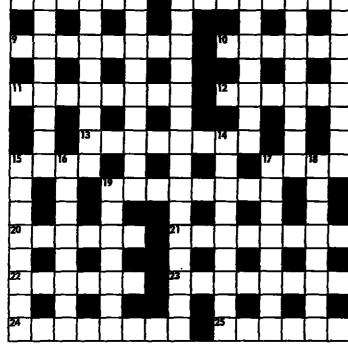
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- 11 Womaniser caught when a star appears (8).
- 12 Comic actor divided parts of the country (6).
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- 3 Reptile's quiet, huried in the ground (8).
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- 8 Paragon unchosen, oddly (8). 14 Let out learner I told off (9).
- 15 What you could get with shot badly executed? (4.4).
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- 17 'Bully', one who's soft? That's a contradiction in terms (8).
- 18 Coping, partly, with gangster getting in the way (8).19 Dignified country lady taking no

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- c. Mutually cross with each other VERIDICAL. a. Extremely straight-lacedb. Ridiculous in the extreme
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By Philip Howard

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- a. A landlord's factor b. A bawk's nest
- c. A tidal wave or flood
- FOURTH WORD HERERASCETA Creases on the wrist
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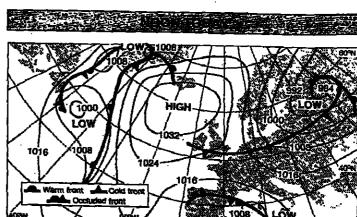
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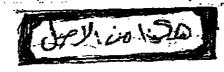
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**GOING BUST** 

The recession has seen 3.301 companies fail so far this year, and the trend is still rising, KPMG data shows Page 25

**CUBA PLEA** 



President Bush has been urged by the EC Commission to veto an expansion of America's trade embargo against Page 21

**MERGER MOVE** 

The Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance groups have merged their non-life operations in Australia
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Carol Leonard talks to the man who turns dreams of owning your own home into a reality — Jim Birrell, chief executive of the Halifax **Building Society** 

#### THE POUND

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Pound makes steady gains after speech

# Lamont's new policy fails to impress City

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

THE economic policy framework spelled out by Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, left City economists unimpressed, but encouraged currency dealers to mark up the pound amid hopes of lower German interest rates.

Sterling dipped sharply in late morning after the release of a letter from Mr Lamont to the Commons Treasury and civil service select committee, giving details of the policy to replace the counter-inflationary discipline of the exchangerate mechanism (ERM).

The Chancellor's main policy points were: A new target for underlying annual inflation (RPI excluding mortgage interest payments) of 1-4 per cent for the rest of the current Parliament. ☐ A long-term goal of annual inflation of 2 per cent or less. ☐ No set target range for the

pound. The targeted narrow money supply measure, M0, held at 0-4 per cent.

☐ No formal target for broader measure of money supply.
☐ Other monetary indicators to be monitored. ☐ House prices to be monitored as a guide to inflation.

☐ Firm downward pressure on growth in public sector pay and spending ☐ Conditions for resumed membership of ERM that make a quick return unlikely. After an initial two pfennig

HIGH NOON

drop, the pound perked up again during Mr Lamont's speech to the Conservative party conference. As dealers sought to interpret the mixed signals, the currency made steady gains to DM2.4800 at the official 4pm London close, up almost two pfennigs since Wednesday. At 5pm, it was

The dollar benefited from market hopes of easier German monetary policy, climbing three plennigs to more than DM1.47. Against the pound, it ended at \$1.6905, up almost three cents. Sterling's trade-weighted index

quoted at DM2.4930.

was unchanged at 82. The stock market was unsure about how to take the policy, which leaves the Chancellor with a great deal of discretion when setting policy, rather than meeting declared official targets. The FT-SE 100 ended at 2.538.8, up

Although some analysts read Mr Lamont's warning that there would be no quick fix as ruling out an early easing in British interest rates, others believed the pound's firmer tone, and softer German money market rates, could tempt the Chancellor to shave half a point off base rates to coincide with the prime minister's speech at



UBS Phillips & Drew, said the government message was that they don't know what the're doing". The Treasury is convinced that monetary targeting is no solution and the policy vacuum is still in place.

Sir Alan Walters, former economic adviser to Baroness Thatcher, called Mr Lamont's new policy "fudge". Johann Wilhelm Gaddum,

inflation at about 3.6 per cent,

with the underlying measure

slowing close to 4 per cent.

Michael Saunders, economist at Salomon Brothers,

said the policy framework was

weak, as it would allow the

Chancellor to use any indica-tors he wanted". He said an

inflation target was "useful" as

a policy guide, but that re-sponding to this target would

mean responding too late to

Robert Lind, economist at

curb inflationary pressure.

Bundesbank board member, yesterday cautioned markets "false expectations" about German policy after cuts in key lending rates last month. The medium-term objectives of our policy remain unchanged," he said.

No quick fix Norman Lamont addresses the Conservative conference yesterday CBI wants the pain shared By COLIN CAMPBELL THE Confederation of British

of the government's wages bill, and for the public sector to share the pain of the recession. The CBI said the Chancellor was right to restate his commitment to controlling infiation. "His target appears realistic and sensible, and we importance of the exchange rate in conducting monetary policy.

However, the confederation urged that the burden be spread more evenly between public and private sectors, without endangering public investment programmes. Industry reaction to Mr Lamont's speech ranged from

mild praise to outright criti-

cism. The Builders Merchants Federation said the construction industry was still waiting for the breath of life, and that it was disappointed there had been no cut in interest rates. Trevor Norman, spokesman for the federation, said: "There can be no cutting back on current capital investment and the economy, is to

improve. The Institute of Directors said by setting for the first time a target for underlying infla-tion, the Chancellor had made "a very positive step forward". The institute thought his address was a "strong economic package" for Britain. Jeffrey Herbert, chief execu-

tive of Charter Consolidated,

the industrial group with mining equipment, rail track and building product interests. and an employer of 5.500 in Britain, said the government still has to come up with a mechanism for growth, which in turn has to be linked to

Geoffrey Maitland Smith. Sears group which is especially sensitive to consumer spending, said the public still needs to look for - and to be given -confidence. The Chancellor's message was much of the same, and much as expected.

Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said: "Dr Doolittle only talked to the animals - this do little Chancellor just talks big and acts small." Mr

Lamont "had said nothing to restore confidence, nothing to help industry, and nothing for the unemployed". The Engineering Employers Federation saw little of

immediate encouragement. but welcomed the determination to control inflation. Roger Lyons, general secre-MSr, me umon ioi

skilled and professional people, dismissed the Chancellor's speech saying it was a performance without pity for those whose lives had been torn apart by his errors.

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#### Governor defends the City on ERM

By Our Economics CORRESPONDENT

ROBIN Leigh-Pemberton. Governor of the Bank of England, last night dismissed accusations that City specula-tors forced the government to pull the pound out of the exchange-rate mechanism last

In a speech to a Confedera-tion of British Industry dinner at Duxford, near Cambridge, he said the root cause was the unexpected emergence of extreme tension between Germany's domestic monetary needs and our own". Mr Leigh-Pemberton, said the pressure went deeper than technicalities.

The government's decision to withdraw sterling from the ERM was accompanied by suggestions in the media and by politicians that "wicked speculators" were responsible for the currency market tur-

Mr Leigh-Pemberton, commenting on such suggestions. said he understood distaste at images of dealers gloating over profits made at the na-tion's expense. But he warned his audience not to be misled; talk of speculators was a

He said most selling of the pound had almost certainly originated with corporate treasurers, or fund managers. These had sought to protect the value of their assets, or those of their clients and customers, against devaluation. "When there is a clear risk that a currency will lose 5 or 10 per cent of its value overnight, there is inevitably a rush for the exit," he said.

The Governor pointed out that the banks had prudential limits on speculative positions they could take against sterling. There were people ready to take a large-scale gamble. but it was "implausible to see straight market speculators as the arbitrary origin of the problems".

In response to calls for measures to penalise specula-Mr Leign-Pemberion said it would be impossible to target just the supposedly guilty. Restrictions on the free movement of capital would hit people protecting the value of

On the question whether intervention came too late, he said he was certain that earlier large-scale action to prop up sterling would merely have hastened its collapse.

#### Ibstock to shut half its brick factories

By MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

IBSTOCK Johnsen is to close half its brick-making plants in Britain in response to chronic overcapacity, which is squeez-ing the British brick industry. The move is part of a two-year rationalisation programme.

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The 1.6 billion bricks lying unused in Britain at present equivalent to about half a year's production - are depressing prices. Ibstock intends to cut its own output from 280 million this year to 230 million by the end of

But Ian Madellan, managing director, said the number of jobs lost at Ibstock, which employs more than 1,000 people in its brick business. would be limited because only smaller plants would be closed. Two have been shut, at Telford in Shropshire, and Sevenoaks in Kent, at a cost of about 40 jobs, but the aim will be to concentrate production

at the company's five biggest plants, putting another three at risk of closure.

Ibstock revealed the ravages of the overcapacity caused by the recession in construction as pre-tax profits for the halfyear to end-June more than halved from £7.2 million to £3.1 million. The interim dividend falls to 0.5p; last year a payment of 2.25p was made after a maintained dividend was forecast during the company's 1991 rights issue.

Paul Hyde-Thomson, the chairman, who will retire at the end of the year to hand over to Colin Hope, the deputy chairman, could see neither recovery in any of the group's markets in the immediate future nor sufficient cuts in the industry's capacity to bring supply into line with demand. Ibstock shares fell 4p to 45p.

HONGKONG Land, the

14.99 per cent of Trafalgar House last week, appears unlikely to succeed in buying another 15 per cent of the property, engineering and construction group by its deadline of 4.30pm today.

nary share and 82p per A ordinary share. One of the fund managers

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#### Trafalgar investors hostile to HK Land

By Angela Mackay

property arm of Jardine Matheson, which bought

Three of Trafalgar House's iggest institutional shareholders, which together speak for more than 10 per cent of the group, said they would not accept Hongkong Land's tender offer of 85p per ordi-

said he had been buying shares in Trafalgar House "all the way down" in the expectation the stock would be worth between 160p and 200p in about two years. "We will not sell on the cheap," he said. Shares in Trafalgar House

yesterday closed at a slight premium to the offer at 86 2p for the ordinary shares and 834p for the A shares. The institutional investors

think it possible that Hongkong Land will obtain board representation. But they deny suggestions of a move to oust the existing

management, led by Sir Nigel Broakes, the chairman, and Sir Eric Parker, the chief executive. In its defence circular dispatched this week, Trafalgar House confirmed it was con-

appointment of additional non-executive directors. These changes may include Sir Eric making way for Allan Gormley, who leads Trafalgar House's successful engineering division.

sidering changes in senior management as well as the

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# Lloyd's loosens shackles for names

By JONATHAN PRYNN INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE unfortunate image of Lloyd's as a latterday workhouse for the English gentry is being softened through a package of measures to cushion the blow of crippling underwriting losses. Names who lost all and more in the great Lloyd's crash of the early 1990s are to be helped through crucial periods in their and their families' lives from a new £50 million

support fund raised by the market. The new policy, announced by Dr Mary Archer, chairman of the Lloyd's hardship committee, marks a softening in the attitude towards names by Lloyd's, which was previously seen by some as a heartless debt collector whose long arm stretched to the grave and beyond. Circumstances justifying help for impecunious names from the support fund

include payment of school fees "to ensure

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continuity where a child is at a crucial phase of education," and "payment of nursing home fees, retirement home fees and medical expenses". The package also makes an approach

to the hardship committee far more attractive to names. The committee was set up in 1989 to help names stagger the repayment of their losses. It has not proved popular with names

who feared what were seen as the harsh terms set by the committee. Only 130 names have so far accepted offers from the committee. Applicants were often required to move into smaller accommodation and to live on greatly reduced incomes. Any windfalls during the course of the names' lifetimes would have to be handed over to the committee while underwriting losses remained

Many names said they would prefer personal bankruptcy, which puts a time

limit on the pursuit of debt. The package, which follows a comprehensive review of the committee's procedures, restricts the bulk of the recoveries from names to a three-year fixed term. During that period, the name will make payments to Lloyd's from income or other sources such as inheritances. After that, only supplementary income" will continue to be paid to Lloyd's - windfalls will not be called in. But Lloyd's will still take a charge over properties owned by hardship names and will be entitled to take possession after their death.

Lloyd's has announced the appointment of Brian Garraway, the deputy chairman of BAT Industries, as the first chairman of the new Lloyd's Regulatory Board from the start of next year. He will also be one of the six nominated members of the Council of Lloyd's.

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# Builders still shake at the foundations

ALTHOUGH they come from opposite ends of the construction spectrum, Ibstock Johnsen and Higgs and Hill had much in common when they reported interim figures yesterday. Both are to lose a chairman of long-standing to retirement, both have that rarity in the sector, a resilient balance sheet, and both are having a quite spectacularly awful time at the trading level, which is being passed on to shareholders in the form

of sharply cut dividends.

For Ibstock, the problem is a pile of 87 million unsold bricks, representing about four months' production. Although this is respectably low by brick industry standards, the vast overcapacity in Britain has forced prices down and almost halved Ibstock's margins, Profits from British building products, therefore, fell by £4 million, while the European and American businesses remained depressed, and the pre-tax line was down from £7.2 million to £3.1 million, requiring the dividend to be cut from 2.25p to 0.5p to restore cover to 1.5

Ibstock is still investing heavily to create a low-cost

British brick operation and this will boost borrowings by £10 million to perhaps £40 million by the year-end, while further closures are necessary and this cost will impact on earnings. The company will therefore be lucky to report £4 million pre-tax this year.

Higgs and Hill's main difficulty is an army of competitors willing to take work at a loss to keep cash coming in the door. The company says it refuses to do this, which is why half-way turnover slumped £40 million to £150 million, but admits that the margins on the work it is winning are little more than 2 per cent. Pre-tax profits came down from £1.06 million to £673,000, and the dividend is

cut from 6p to 1p.
The once-mighty construction side lost more than £1 million and will repeat this performance into the second half. Any squeeze on public spending, on roads, for example, will impact indirectly by creating yet more cash-starved builders seeking work in the company's markets. Higgs and Hill took hefty provisions last year, but yet more will probably be neces-

sary for 1992 and could wipe



On the right course: John Westhead, chief executive of Bowthorpe, yesterday

out profits. Both shares are a long way from a recovery in a sector that is still best

Bowthorpe ONCE again Bowthorpe has steered a steady course through turbulent markets and reaped the rewards of a over to a 12 per cent rise to prudent approach to costs. £125.6 million Management started cutting back two years ago, and

Operating profits from British operations, accountpresence in niche areas of ing for a fifth of the total, rose electronics allowed pre-tax 23 per cent, boosted by a first contribution from Penny & profits to rise 5 per cent to £22.4 million in the half year Giles, acquired in April; alto end-June. Organic growth though profits there are runand acquisitions helped turnning below expectations, the

ings neutral before the end of next year. Europe accounted

for 41 per cent of profits, dominated by Germany.

The interim dividend is raised 5 per cent to 1.79p. Sterling's weakness led to a net benefit of £200,000, rising to £500,000 by the year-end. Gearing was almost non-existent and trading generated net cash of £8.3 million (£6.7 million). While most growth will come from further cost savings, increased productivity and new products. Bowthorpe, whose chief executive is Dr John Westhead, is pursuing acquisitions up to a value of £100 million.

Analysts expect full-year profits to rise to between £43 million and £45 million. The shares held steady at 249p. putting them on a forward price/earnings multiple of 16.7, a justified premium of about 10 per cent to the rest of the electronics sector. The shares had a fair run before the results but remain a good medium-term bet as long as Germany holds up. With the company well placed for economic upturn, the shares are worth picking up on any

#### EUSINESS ROUNDOP

#### Slump in construction takes toll on Galliford

PRE-TAX profits at Galliford, the construction group, slumped from £6.4 million to £3 million in the year to end-tune on the back of lower sales and slimmer margins. Turnover fell to £213.2 million (£225.1 million). Earnings per share were 2.37p (4.57p). A final dividend of 3.35p (3.35p) leaves the total for the year unchanged at 4.3p.

The biggest slump came in the construction division. which saw trading profits collapse from £4.7 million to £1.6 million. Losses on materials, supplies and distribution deepened from £229.000 to £931.000. An exceptional item of £703,000 related to rationalisation costs. Tender volumes have come under considerable pressure as the total volume of work available across the industry has been reduced. The balance sheet remains strong and net cash at the year end amounted to £13.2 million.

#### Bilston cuts losses

BILSTON & Battersea Enamels, which makes highquality, hand-painted decorative products, trimmed pre-tax losses to £28,000 in the six months to June 30, against a £52,000 loss last time. Turnover grew by 9 per cent to £1.76 million, with UK sales up 20 per cent from very depressed levels last time. Export sales, however, continued to be eroded by worldwide recession, particularly in America. The loss per share dipped to 0.8p (0.9p deficit). There is again no interim dividend.

#### **Tilbury Douglas rises**

TILBURY Douglas, the construction and property group, lifted pre-tax profits to £7 million (£6.6 million) in the six months to June 30. Turnover increased to £190.6 million (£89.7 million), reflecting the integration of the Douglas construction business. Earnings per share are 13.9p (23.2p). There is a maintained interim dividend of 10.5p. covered 1.3 times by earnings. The group is ungeared and had not cash of £4.8 million at the half year. It does not expect any immediate upturn and is cutting costs.

#### Cairn to raise £6.1m

CAIRN Energy, the Edinburgh independent oil company, is trying to raise £6.1 million through a placing and open offer. About £1.2 million will be used to increase its UK onshore oil and gas interests through the purchase of production and exploration licences from ARCO British. The proposals will be voted on at an extraordinary meeting on November 3. Cairn made a pre-tax loss of £188,000 (£1.2 million loss) on sales of £5.7 million (£6 million) in the six months to June 30. There is again no interim dividend.

#### **Horace Clarkson dives**

TAXABLE profit at Horace Clarkson, the shipping and insurance broking group, collapsed from £6.1 million to £1.5 million in the six months to June 30. Insurance broking suffered from the problems at Lloyd's, especially from difficulties in placing personal stop-loss business. Profits from insurance broking slumped from £4.7 million to £0.5 million on reduced turnover. Freight markets also deteriorated and shipbroking profits fell from £1.6 million to £1.2 million. The interim dividend is 2.75p (0.5p).

#### Town Centre ahead

TOWN Centre Securities, the property investment and development group based in Leeds and run by Arnold Ziff, raised pre-tax profits to £7.2 million (£6.5 million) in the year to end-June. Gross rental and investment income share were 5.12p against 4.58p last time, and a final dividend of 2.1p (1.9p) a share will be paid, making a total of 3.1p (2.8p) for the year. Net assets per share slipped to 121.38p (125.75p).

#### Ferguson wins order

FERGUSON Shipbuilders at Port Glasgow has won a £16 million order to build two new ferries, securing the future of the Strathclyde company until 1995. The new ferries will operate between Southampton and the Isle of Wight and will replace Cowes Castle and Norris Castle, which operate on Red Funnel's passenger-vehicle service. The first vessel is scheduled to enter service in the spring of 1994 and each will carry 700 passengers and 140 cars, which will substantially increase overall capacity on the route.

#### Merivale Moore in the red

BY JON ASHWORTH

MERIVALE Moore, the property investment and development group run by Grenville Dean, suffered a pre-tax loss of £13 million (£615,000 profit) in the year to June 30. Turnover collapsed from £78.8 million to £30.3 million and net rental income fell to £2.5 million (£4.1 million). Property markdowns accounted for £9.6 million of the

overall loss. The loss per share was 144p (earnings of 12.7p) and there is no final dividend (2.75p). leaving the total at 1p (10.5p). Head office has seen its staff cut from 32 to 12 in the past two years. Jim Neili was appointed managing director

Claims against insurers and contractors arising from the collapse of a wall at Bishop's Depository, south-west London, in January 1989, are due to be heard in court next January.

#### **Battle over EC** energy stepped up

FROM TOM WALKER

SIR Leon Brittan, EC competition commissioner, is to ask the governments of France. the Netherlands, ireland, Denmark, Italy and Spain to open their protected energy markets.

The written demands are the second stage in a legal battle that began last March, when Sir Leon decided the state monopolies governing electricity and gas exports and imports in the five countries were hindering the Commis-sion's attempts to liberalise the EC energy market. The move has been kept quiet by Brussels, because the energy mono-

polies are jealously guarded.
The letters are unlikely to make the rebel governments acquiesce, and with the wind of subsidiarity in their sails most will probably be pre-pared to take the issue to the Court of Justice in Luxembourg.

# Courtyard slips back

BY PHILLIP PANGALOS

COURTYARD Leisure is incurred a taxable loss of passing its dividend, against a £58,000 in the first half. The single payout of 0.5p a share last time, as losses deepened at the City of London wine bars The USM-quoted company, which operates five wine bars,

suffered a pre-tax loss of

£228.475 in the year to end-

March, against a profit of

£61.588 last time, as the

recessionary squeeze contin-

ued to grip the City. Courtyard

group's losses were exacerbated by an exceptional charge of £73,219.

Turnover increased to £1.9 million, up from £1.57 million last time. There is a 3.1p loss per share, against earnings of 0.4p a share last time. in the last month, Courtyard has held discussions with

a number of shareholders

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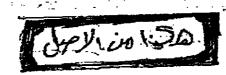




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# US plan to boycott Cuba strains relations with EC

FROM TOM WALKER IN BRUSSELS

THE trade dispute between the EC and America has a way of expanding into hidden and unexpected areas. That showed itself again yesterday, when Brussels urged President Bush to veto an expansion of the US trade embargo against Cuba

Congress wants the embarto be extended to cover Cuban trade with affiliates and subsidiaries of US companies in third countries - a step that could cost US companies based in the EC up to

STEPHEN Littlechild, the

government-appointed watchdog over electricity, has invited

comments from the industry and its customers on the forthcoming review of the price controls that govern elec-

tricity supply.

The results of the review, the

first for the 12 privatised

regional distribution com-

panies in England and Wales

since their privatisation at the

end of 1990, have to be known by April 1994. If Professor Littlechild's Office of Electric-

ity Regulation (Offer) is un-

able to reach agreement with any or all of the 12, the matter

will have to go to the Monopo-lies and Mergers

The review precedes a more

significant enquiry for the

industry, into price controls on

electricity distribution, which

provides the bulk of the com-

panies' profits. This enquiry,

the results of which must be

known by April 1995, will start immediately after the

completion of the supply price

Offer will, none the less, find

plenty of commentators on the

present system, not least from

big industrial energy users,

who have long complained

A consultation paper sets

out questions to be answered

they are being overcharged.

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\$500 million. An amendment to the Cuban Democracy Act was introduced by Robert Torricelle, a Democratic congressman from New Jersey, in February. It has received the assent of both Congress and the Senate.

A European Commission spokesman said the EC am-bassador to the US, Andreas Van Agt, had given a note to the state department condemning the legislation late on Tuesday.
The commission gave warn-

on supply prices. "My main aims are to secure a good deal for customers and promote

more effective competition," said Professor Littlechild, who

said the review would be

"searching and thorough".

Customers, consumer groups and companies have until the end of this year to reply.

Among questions raised by Professor Littlechild is whether

er controls on the industry

should concentrate on prices, as at present, or on profits.

Some commentators have ar-

gued that profit curbs are the

best way forward, given the steep rises in profits that have

been announced since privati-

sation, but the industry itself

would strongly oppose such a

City analysts said there were

few chies in the document on

the approach favoured by the

Users' views sought

on power price curbs

BY MARTIN WALLER

that extending the embargo to companies on EC territory "has the potential to cause grave damage to the transatlantic relationship". A spokesman for the EC's

external relations commissioner, Frans Andriessen, said the EC was complaining because the US had no right to apply its laws extra territorially. "It's not that we're trying to give a friendly hand to Fidel Castro," he said.

The commission also de nounced a section of the new law that bars any ship that docks in Cuba from entering a US port for 180 days.
The statement said the com-

mission "cannot accept that the US unilaterally determines and restricts EC economic and commercial relations with any foreign nation which has not been collectively determined by the United Nations as a threat to peace". The Cuban embassy in Brussels applauded the com-

mission's action. "It's an honest position," said Elio Rodriguez, its press attaché.
"Evidently the Community
cannot accept action like this."
Mr Andriessen's spokesmen said that if President Bush signed the Torricelle amendment, which he might do before the end of the week, the commission might take the matter to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in Geneva, where an

Carla Hills, the American trade representative, and Ed Madigan, the agriculture sec-retary, arrive in Brussels at the weekend for trade talks with the commission, so the Cuban dispute could not have blown up at a worse moment.

arbitration panel could look at

regulator, although as the architect of the present price controls, he is unlikely to favour excessive change.
Professor Littlechild points Transatlantic disagreement now covers many important out that little capital is currentproducts, such as coal, steel ly required by the supply business. Profit margins deand farm goods. The news that Australia and New Zealand are considering joining the newly established North pend on the risks in the business, and those are low, he American Free Trade Area says, given that 95 per cent of costs are passed on automatihas provided further proof in Brussels, if any were needed, that the EC will have to fight cally and 70 per cent of the market is not open many battles on its own.



Bowing out: Sir Brian Hill, who is retiring as chairman of Higg and Hill at the end of the year

#### Higgs and Hill to refurbish CU building

By MARTIN WALLER DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

HIGGS and Hill has won the contract to refurbish the Commercial Union building, devastated along with a large area of the City by a huge IRA car bomb in April, at a cost of £30 million to £35 million. The contract was one bright

spot in an otherwise gloomy

announcement of interim fig-ures to end-June from the builder. Higgs and Hill, which in the late 1980s was reporting annual profits in excess of £25 million, made £673,000 before tax, down from £1.06 million last time, after first-half redundancy costs of £872,000.

Sir Brian Hill is retiring as chairman at the end of this year. His replacement will be George Duncan, chairman of ASW Holdings, the steel concern, and Whessoe, the engineer, and on the board of Associated British Ports, BET. Calor and Laporte.

The interim dividend is cut from 6p to 1p, equal to firsthalf earnings per share. Sir Brian said the trading outlook for the second half remained

uncertain, with a further loss expected from construction and difficult conditions prevailing for the other businesses. "The extraordinary recent political and economic events make it difficult to predict when recovery will take place," he said. Higgs and Hill shares fell 2p to 36p.

#### Bank ends long-term lending

By Neil Bennett RANKING CORRESPONDENT

BROWN Shipley & Company, the troubled City merchant bank, has completed a far-reaching reorganisation and announced 15 redundancies, including three directors. The bank, sold to Krediet bank Luxembourgeoise for £1 last June after massive losses, is pulling out of long-term lending which caused most of

its problems. It will now concentrate on trade finance treasury, private banking and corporate advisory services.

The directors affected are Stuart Dick, Derek Connolly and Michael Halsey. Meanwhile, Richard Mansell-Jones

has been been appointed chairman, and Geoffrey Bell becomes managing director. The bank will have two other British directors and five from Kredietbank, who have not been formally appointed

#### **Acorn logs** advance at half-way

By PHILIP PANGALOS

ACORN Computer Group, the USM-quoted micro-computer maker controlled by Olivetti of Italy, unveiled a pretax profit of £511,000 in the six months to July 3, against a loss of £420,000 in the comparative period. Turnover rose 18.6 per cent to £21.2 million. Tight financial controls

helped to trim interest costs to £139,000 (£538,000), and an 'aggressive" R&D programme resulted in the launch of many new products. Earnings stood at 0.8p a share, against a loss of 0.6p a share last time. Again, there is Tempus, page 20 | no interim dividend. The shares fell 54p to 364p.

# cut jobs in Scotland

UP TO 100 jobs are to be cut at Compaq Computer Manufacturing - 10 per cent of its

Scottish workforce. Compaq is to close its international service operation in Stirling and move it to its personal computer manufacturing plant at Erskine in Strathclyde. Jobs on the pro-duction line at Erskine will be unaffected.

John Dolan, managing di-rector, said: "The announcement, while regretted, is a consequence of the intense competition in the personal computer markets."

#### Gateway sells

Gateway Foodmarkets, part of the debt-laden Isosceles, is to sell 12 stores to Iceland Frozen Foods for £2.7 million cash. Iceland plans to re-open the stores early next year.

#### Power role

National Power, the larger of the two electricity generators, has appointed KPMG Peat Marwick to administer its domestic tax affairs. Price Waterhouse has the overseas

#### Suspension

Fimbra, the financial regulator, has suspended the investment business of Bliss Weinel of Fleet Street, London.

#### Compaq to | Australian merger for Sun and Royal

SUN Alliance and Royal In- and a 6.7 per cent share of the surance, two of Britain's biggest composite insurance groups, have merged their Australian non-life operations to create the country's fourth-

biggest general insurer.

The deal is the second this week involving a rationalis-ation of overseas British insurance operations. On Wednesday, General Accident became Canada's leading direct general insurer by acquiring the Prudential's non-life opera-

tions in that country. The new Australian company will have pro forma net premiums of more than A\$500 million (£208 million)



Gamble: fitting partners

market. It will be called Sun Alliance and Royal Insurance Australia and will be 60 per cent owned by Sun Alliance and 40 per cent by Royal. Last year, Royal's operations made pre-tax profits of A\$22 million, and Sun Alliance reported. A\$17 million. The structuring of the deal will allow Royal to repartial E50 million of central to the LIK

million of capital to the UK. Richard Gamble, Royal's group chief executive, said the merger would give the Australian operations "critical mass" and could provide a pattern for similar deals in other geographical markets. Royal

already has a joint venture with Fondiaria of Italy and AMB of Germany. Sun Alliance made the most suitable partner in Australia because of the two companies' existing Australian motor insurance joint venture, AAMI, and because of their complementary business and geo-graphic specialisations, Mr Gamble said. Sun Alliance is stronger in Sydney and New South Wales, while Royal is based in Melbourne and is

stronger in Victoria.

Roger Neville, group chief executive of Sun Alliance, said: This is an excellent opportunity for two companies with complementary market positions and compatible management cultures to join forces."

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# Wiltshire has stake sale talks

By NEIL BENNETT

CITIZENS of Madras and Calcutta may soon taste the delights of Old Grumble bitter with reports that UB Group, India's largest brewer and distiller, is poised to take a minority stake in Wiltshire Brewery, the loss-making

Stourbridge company.
Shares in Wiltshire were suspended at 10p yesterday after the company said it had reached an agreement in principle for an overseas drinks group and a big British brew-er to take stakes in the company. The details will be released on or before October 16 when the group's accounts are published

The UB Group is said to be

the company which has agreed to buy a stake of up to 29.9 per cent in Wiltshire to strengthen the company's finances. As part of the deal, UB Group will appoint three di-rectors to Wilishire's board.

Bass, meanwhile, is said to be prepared to convert loan notes it holds in Wiltshire into equity. Wiltshire is also reported to be discussing a public houses-for-equity swap with Whitbread. The deal is being organised by the Bank of ireland. Wilishire brews several renowned ales, including Old Grumble and Stonehenge bitter. Despite this, the group lost £393,000 in the year to September 1991. The

cash injection should help the group expand its estate and distribution and boost its sales to cover overheads. The UB Group of India, the

country's seventh-largest industrial group, is best known in this country for Kinglisher lager, which is brewed under licence by Sheppard Neame.
The company produces 96
million bottles of Kingfisher a year. It also distills 13.5 million cases of spirits, including McDowell's brandy and Bagpiper whisky, India's two leading brands. In 1988, UB Group bought the Berger paints businesses in Africa and Asia from Williams, the industrial conglomerate.

# Lamont's prices pledge fails to impress

THE Chancellor's pledge to fight inflation received a lukewarm reception from City investors, who now rule out an early base rate out. They take the view that the pledge has left them with the worst of both worlds - a devalued pound and high interest rates. Hopes are now pinned on a cut in German interest rates in the near future. But share prices managed to cling on to most of their earlier gains, helped by technical factors and another resilient performance by the pound.

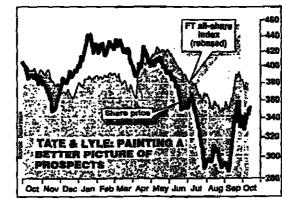
The FT-SE 100 index. up more than 30 points before the Chancellor made his speech, finished the session 21.7 points higher at 2,538.8. There was little evidence of genuine retail business and brokers appeared puzzled by the market's resilience, considering there is little prospect of interest rates softening.

The pound's firmness accounted for part of the mar-ker's buoyancy and a steady performance by the index on the financial futures market also helped to bolster sentiment. But the short-term outwill be focused on the latest inflation figures, due out

Pharmaceutical companies attracted revived institutional support after a period in the wilderness; Glazo dimbed 13p to 777p and SmithKline Beecham "A", 9p to 503p. Bid hopes lifted Fisons 4p to 204p. Wellcome was also supported after Lehman Brothers, the New York securities house, came out in favour of the shares in the wake of new Food and Drug Administration proposals for the industry in the US.

T&N, the automotive products group, eased 3p to 138p after 4.5 million shares went through the market. James Capel, the stockbroker, is reckoned to have placed the shares

Tate & Lyle enjoyed a return to favour with a rise of 5p to 347p, after giving an up-beat presentation to analysts. The group's pre-tax profits are expected to drop from £235 million to £195 million in the current year, but the meeting was told there are signs of recovery in some areas.



840p in anticipation of good news from a visit to the group's

ket had continued to deteriorate, with a drop in both prices and margins. John Theak-ston, chief executive, said the interests in France. Higgs and ston, chief executive, said the Hill eased 2p to 36p after group must be flexible on its

Reuters came within a whisker of its high with a rise of 22p to £12.64, hoping for good news from next week's stockbrokers' Chicago's futures markets visit to view the group's Globex computerised trading system. Company analysts say it is unlikely much will be said about current trading prospects.

cutting its interim dividend by 5p to 1p. This follows a drop pre-tax profits from £1.01 million to £673,000. The group said the housing mar-

dividend. and electrical group, firmed 1p to 250p after announcing that results for 1992 would be

At the half-way stage, pre-tax profits were ahead by 5 per cent at £22.4 million. Operating profits in the UK rose by 23 per cent, and there were improvements of 17 per cent in the US and 5 per cent in Europe. But the group said that a recovery was unlikely in the short term.

Ranks Hovis McDouge the Mothers Pride and Hovis food group, marked time at 242p as turnover slowed to just 321,000 shares. The speculators are betting that Hanson will win control of the company if it improves the terms of the £780 million deal. A counterbid is thought unlikely because of overcapacity in baking and milling and peczed margins.

Hanson, up 5p at 213 p, should have little trouble in finding buyers for the various parts of the business.

Trafalgar House attracted selective support; the ordinary shares rose 1 bp to 86 bp and the "A", 12p to 832p. Both categories have risen 14p above the tender offer made by Hongkong Land, which closes today. Last week, Hongkong

Land picked up 14.9 per cent of Trafalgar House in a dawn raid and announced the tender offer in an attempt to raise its total holding to 29.9 per cent.

. There was speculation that Trafalgar House might have to submit to a board reshuffle

The speculators were trying to keep bid rumours bubbling at Owners Abroad, the package holiday group, which this week confirmed that it had recently received a tentative approach.

But the price continues to run into profit-taking; it fin-ished the session 1p lighter at 694p, after hitting 67p

steady at 680p, although 5 million shares went through the market at about 650p. Also in the sector, Sun Alliance fell 7p to 286p; dealers were unimpressed by the com-pany's plans to merge its Australian interests with those of Royal Insurance, unchanged at 183p.

MICHAEL CLARK

moved to new session highs in mid-morning activity, helped by positive retail sales data, gains in bonds and the dollar. and firm overseas share markets. Tom Luker, head of trading at Nikko Securities,

said the market was oversold

enough for a significant advance to be possible. By late morning, the Dow Jones indistrial average was up 6.22 points at 3,158.47

Li Tokyo — Shares closed firmer after a quiet session. The Nikkei index rose 223.77

points to 17,335.51. (Reuter)

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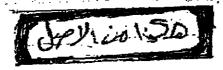
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# Lloyd's brings in a heavyweight

loyd's is fast reforming its image, doubtless unjustified, as an inward looking, inbred collection of small businessmen who might find difficulty in managing their way out of anything more complex than a paper bag. The most recently arrived infusion of outside talent is Brian Garraway. who as a former number two and finance director in the complex international empire of BAT Industries brings immense experience to the insurance market. BAT flourished during the Garraway years and, appropriately enough, he arranged finance for BAT's largest and toughest acquisition, that of Farmers, the leading US insurance group, based in California.

David Rowland, Lloyd's next chairman, has been at the helm of Sedgwick Group, the world's largest insurance broker and also brings a great deal of high

insurance broker, and also brings a great deal of high level corporate experience with him. Peter Middleton, newly appointed chief executive, can justly claim an excellent track record while running Thomas Cook. Even the names now have heavyweight representation in the shape of Neil Shaw, chairman of Tate & Lyle, who heads the Association of Lloyd's

Mr Garraway's appointment is especially important to the image of Lloyd's outside Lime Street and possibly even to the future of self-regulation in the City. The Walker report and the Morse proposals for restructuring the market governance highlighted many shortcomings that have further tarnished perceptions of self-regulation post Maxwell.

Those who wish Lloyd's well will be content with the appointment of Mr Garraway in one particular

respect. He is no pushover for any Lloyd's chairman, however forceful. Ian Hay Davison, a former chairman of Lloyd's, who came from outside and was effectively frozen out by insiders, said of the latest regulatory proposals that they could be hijacked by a chairman determined to capture the regulatory ground as his own preserve. Those who know him agree that Garraway is the most unhijackable of

#### Unfinished tasks

hould Trafalgar House throw overboard its two top men in order to pacify the City? The idea going the rounds of hunch tables and watering holes is that in order to win support of professional investors in rejecting the tender offer from Hongkong Land, Trafalgar might be willing to remove its chairman, Sir Nigel Broackes and Sir Eric Parker, its chief executive. It is not easy to see who gains from this. Would it really benefit shareholders? After losing three quarters of their wealth since the start of 1990, investors might possibly feel better simply because they had handed out some punish-ment. But where is the substantial gain? What is needed most of all now are strategies not bodies.

Here, the two men probably have one last duty to perform that would at least mitigate the damage suffered by shareholders. That is to dismember the group that they created and leave a viable ungeared core with good prospects and a focused business

So far, the two knights have been stressing that the construction division is capable of rapid expansion. Even if true, shareholders should not hold their breath waiting for the benefits. Such expansion is likely to bring profitless prosperity. Margins are wafer thin and likely to stay that way for a year or two. It would be a far better use of the experience, skills and contacts of Sir Nigel and Sir Eric if they were to wholeheartedly seek buyers for the hotels and shipping divisions. Success here would stabilise the group recover some of the lost share value and enable them to hand over to chosen successors in an orderly

# What price the contracts to keep British Coal from burning out?

Patricia Tehan

considers the negotiations with generators that will

shape a privatised coal industry

he shape of a privatised British coal industry will be wrought by the sign-ing of five-year coal contracts with the two privatised electricity generators of England and Wales. Drastic job losses and pit closures will accompany the contracts, as a by-product of the intense rivalry between generators and electricity suppliers in the newly competitive

with privatisation of the electricity industry, which started with the regional supply companies at the end of 1990, the generators and the supply companies herea to supply companies began to jostle for position. The number of pits that will survive will depend on the outcome of negotiations over the volume and price of coal between British Coal and National Power and PowerGen, which take 80 per cent of its output. The generators, spurred on

by the regional electricity companies, have talked down the price of coal for the five years from April hext year from 185p per gigajoul to 150n. They plan to push the volume they will buy down from 65 million tonnes this year to 40 million tonnes next year and 30 million for the following four years, with further, small-

er, price cuts each year.
British Coal's production
will be cut from almost 80 million tonnes to about 53 million tonnes next year, including 13 million tonnes to domestic and industrial customers and to Scottish Power.

The outlook for the coal industry is bleak. By the time the slimming down exercise is completed, the number of employees will have been reduced to less than a tenth of the 150,000 miners that remained in 1985 at the end of the miners' strike. The number of pits will have fallen from 169 in 1985 to 20 or less. in 1947, when the industry as nationalised, there were

958 mines employing more

than 700,000 miners. Despite the increase in productivity from 1.09 tonnes per man per shift in 1947, to 2.08 tonnes in 1985, to more than 6 tonnes today, the improvements have not been enough to make British Coal competitive when faced with cheap overseas imports. The effect of the slump in demand for British Coal output will be felt

at all of the 50 deep mine pits



Chipping away the numbers: only a tenth of the 150,000 miners that worked in 1985 are likely to survive cutbacks

in operation. The number of pit closures necessary if the government is to be successful in its privatisation is not a new one. Roughly estimated, there will be 1,000 job losses and one pit closed for every 1 million-tonne reduction of coal production.

A report by NM Rothschild, the merchant bank that advises the government on the privatisation, that was leaked to Frank Dobson, the Labour energy spokesman, last year estimated that 14 of the com-pany's 54 pits and 11,000 out of 40,000 miners would survive privatisation. The report blamed a fall in coal demand by the English and Welsh electricity supply companies. Malcolm Edwards, British

Coal's former commercial director, was eased out of the company this year for his outspoken views on a postprivatisation coal industry. In February, he gave warning that four in five mines would close and three quarters of miners would lose their jobs.

British Coal supplies between 60 and 65 per cent of the fuel that is turned into electricity. This has shrunk from about 75 per cent in 1985 and is expected to fall further to 30 per cent or less by

the late 1990s. Electricity privatisation coincided with the discovery of large reserves of natural gas and the ending of EC rules prohibiting generators to burn gas. So began the "dash for gas". Despite questionable economic justification, generators and the

regional companies are investing billions of pounds in gasfired power stations. Their reasoning is the need for diversity in supply and the need to provide competition to coal in the power supply market. Mr Edwards describes electricity privatisation as "flawed" for allowing the dash for gas.

The amount of gas-fired power is small, but will soar when the new power stations begin generating next year.

The National Grid Company is forecasting massive overcapacity if all the planned gasfired stations are built.

Regional electricity supply companies have signed long-term, often 15-year, indexlinked supply agreements for gas-fired power, usually from suppliers in which they hold a stake. These supplies are crowding out coal power.

ts base load price averages at 3p per kilowatt hour compared with the 2.6p to 2.8p equivalent cost of coal-fired power under the contracts under negotiation. The higher cost of the power provided by most of these combined cycle gas tur-bines is seen as the price of competition. The higher power costs will be passed on to the consumer unless the regulator

Cheap coal imports are also a threat. Overseas coal costs between 100p and 120p per gigajoul, against the 150p under negotiation in the new contracts. Generators are also building deep water ports and want to be able to import half their coal requirements from the mid 1990s. In January, PowerGen revealed its plans to build a £40 million coal terminal at Liverpool docks that would enable if to bring in an extra 5 million tonnes of coal imports a year from 1994. National Power and

PowerGen were negotiating a imports terminal at Immingham in Humberside to handle 10 million tonnes.

year, National Power has been seeking another site on the east coast. National Power is also working on a project to build a docks terminal to handle 5 million tonnes a year in Bristol. The terminal is scheduled to begin operation next year. National Power already has the capability to import 14 million tonnes.

On the union side, both the Union of Democratic Mineworkers, which helped the government break the miners strike in 1985, and the workers are opposed to privatisation. However, the UDM has been co-operating with government plans, believing privatisation is inevitable.

oy Lynk, the UDM's to protect his members' inter-Major to plead for a rethink on the closures, and this week he revealed he has the support of East Midlands Electricity for his consortium to bid for a slice of British Coal in the privatisation. Arthur Scargill. president of the NUM, is taking a far more aggressive stance. Yesterday, the NUM urged miners to fight the destruction of the coal industry, while on Thursday next meets in Sheffield to discuss

plans for industrial action.
The NUM's plans to fight the closures were endorsed by the Labour party at its annual conference in Blackpool last week. But the government continues to insist that it remains committed to the British coal industry.

At the end of last year, Neil Clarke, chairman of British Coal, said there was no plan at his company to reduce its deep mines to 12 or 14 puts. He said: "We have every confidence that the future, though tough, will be better than that." Next week, he is expected to announce the closure of 20 pits and indicate another 10 closures will follow. All British Coal's deep mines will be affected in some way. As volumes continue to fall, imports increase and gas takes the place of coal-fired power, his optimism appears to have been misplaced

#### Woodhead in the fox's earth

AS ROBIN Woodhead, 41, takes over as chief executive of Fox, the troubled London Futures and Options Exchange, not everyone is as gung-ho as the elephant-hunting lawyer about his chances of solving the exchange's problems. Woodhead's "watch this space" comments this week have exasperated several of his former colleagues at the old National Investment Group, who say Woodhead's record there does not make him the most obvious man to rebuild Fox's fortunes. Woodhead, it will be remembered, founded National Investment Group in 1986, out of seven regional brokers. In 1990, the group, which had lost a total of £6 million in the previous two years, was finally sold to Capel Cure-Myers for what was admitted to be a "nominal" sum. "Seven profitable regional brokers turned into a lossmaking vehicle with huge write-offs for the original in-vestors," says a disgruntled ex-National investment Group man. "I'm amazed at his chutzpah and the way he is presenting his past achievements now." Others, more generously, say the 1987 crash was at least partly to blame for National Investment Group's demise and suggest that Woodhead, who set up the International Petroleum Exchange in 1981, will be better suited to running an exchange. "He was not the chap to manage a chain of brokers but it takes totally different skills to manage an exchange," says a more koyal

friend. "To say that having

failed at the one he is not suited to the other is not a rational conclusion."

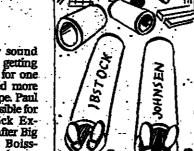
#### Flying high

KITE-FLYING may sound like a novel way of getting away from it all, but for one City duo it has proved more than a temporary escape. Paul Jobin, the man responsible for developing the Stock Ex-change Topic system after Big Bang, and Richard Boissevain, 30, a former exchange account manager, quit the City three years ago "disillusioned with the yuppie culture". They have since become the UK's leading kite distributors and have now opened their first kite shop, Air Circus, in Bath. Jobin. 32, a kite fanatic, has been the UK "sturk kite-flying" champion three times. He admits he now earns a third of his exchange salary but insists "the quality of life is ten times better". Jobin's "power kites" cost up to £2,000 each and, ironically, some of his best customers are the "yuppie types" he once wanted to avoid. "Kiting is an extension of the hang-gliding and windsurfing mentality."

Johin explains. "City people love it because it's a terrific way of relieving stress."

#### Grubb in the net

SALOMON Brothers is rebuilding its London team and has netted another significant catch by recruiting a man with the name of Marcus Grubb. Grubh, a highly rated equity strategist, has been poached from UBS Phillips & Drew. Due to start on November 2. he is rated No 2 in the league table of European equity strat-



egists by both the Greenwich and Exter surveys and a runner-up, according to Extel. among global equity strate-gists. He joins Salomon as its main London international equity strategist, with a vice-presidency thrown in. Grubb, 30, began his City career nine years ago with JP Morgan, the blue-chip American house. At one stage, he headed a team one stage, he headed a team trading Eurobonds, convertibles, asset-backed securities and asset swap packages. "He is recognised as one of the top talents in the field and we are delighted he is joining the team," says Gary Wolens, head of European Equity

#### Ears burning

THE formidable Tory party female from Oldham who regaled conference delegates in Brighton with her economic views in the warm-up to Nor-man Lamont's speech did not know how right she was. "The Treasury is not listening," she proclaimed. Back in London, Sir Terence Burns, permanent

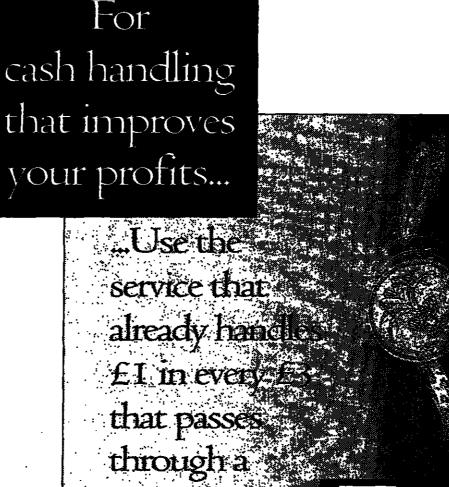
in his Whitehall office and was, indeed, not listening — at least not to what was happen-ing at the conference. According to his more junior colleagues, Burns, 48, had meetings all morning with se-nior mandarins, and did not even have time to switch on the television. Did he not want to keep an eye on events? "He has all sorts of other things to think about," his secretary reported. Were his meetings connected with the Chancel lor's speech? "Not at all."

#### Over here

THE current issue of American in London, the glossy magazine, is advising Americans how they can best get a job in the UK. Mary Dustan Turner, the writer, says medi-cine and the law are "nonportable" with consumer affairs, banking, and market-ing the more obvious outlets for American talent. "As a rule," Turner writes, "people between 28 and 36 get interviews sooner ... and no one has yet found a job through a newspaper or a headhunter." The determining factor, however, on whether the American gets the job often turns out to be money. The topic rather than the amount in America, questions of salary would be raised at the initial meeting. says Turner. In London, they are discussed only later - and often with a different person. "Failing to talk salary would label you a wimp in the US: mentioning the subject will of-ten disqualify you in the UK.

Too aggressively American', the panel would say to each

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# KPMG data **show 12%** increase in receiverships

By NEIL BENNETT, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

THE number of company failures is still rising, according to the latest figures from KPMG Peat Marwick, the accountant. These show that 1.059 companies went into receivership in the third quar-

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The figures are a further blow to any hopes of economic recovery, since the summer quarter is traditionally a quiet period, when the number of company failures should fall. But the receivership figures relate to larger companies and do not take into account the hundreds of smaller companies wound up or going into liquidation every week.

KPMG's figures show that the South East is still bearing the brunt of the recession, and the region suffered 557 of the receiverships in the quarter, or 53 per cent of the total. This was 14 per cent higher than in the second quarter. The highest rise, however, came from South Wales, which reported 35 receiverships, up 84 per

cent on the second quarter. Manufacturing companies are still being hit hardest by the recession and accounted for 23 per cent of all receiverships, although this was lower than the 28 per cent share recorded in the second quar-ter. Eighteen per cent of the failures came from the construction industry, followed by retailing with almost 11 per

Tim Hayward, KPMG's head of corporate recovery. said he saw no signs of any end to the depressed condi-tions. "Unless the government risks its commitment to reduce inflation and introduces a dramatic reduction in interest rates, I cannot see a recovery happening in the near future,"

He said, however, there were signs that banks and receivers were trying to pre-vent healthy subsidiaries of troubled groups going into receivership. In the early months of the recession, all the companies within an insolvent group tended to go into receivership.

Now banks are trying to

prevent this happening so that some companies can be sold

as going concerns.

Where security is based largely upon property, in the present depressed state of the property market the advantage of supporting any business that can be sold as a going concern is enhanced," he said.

Cork Gully, the insolvency arm of Coopers & Lybrand. was top of the league table of receivership specialists in the quarter, after handling 111 failures. It was followed by KPMG, which was appointed in 103 cases, and Grant Thornton and Ernst & Young, on 80 and 75 respectively.

#### **Opec chief predicts** oil price rise to \$21

FROM REUTER IN JAKARTA

THE Opec oil price will edge up towards \$2 l a barrel in the fourth quarter of this year. according to Dr Subroto, secretary-general of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting

The Opec basket oil price is \$19.30 at present. "Oil prices are creeping towards \$21," he



Subroto: winter demand

said, adding that the market outlook in the last quarter would depend also on whether those holding stockpiles of oil would release them.

"We are watching this. Usually they release stocks in the fourth quarter to meet needs

On Wednesday, the International Energy Agency pre-dicted that oil demand in the West would increase by 1 per cent in the fourth quarter of

Dr Subroto said demand for Opec oil in the last quarter of the year would be about 25

million barrels a day. He said there were no plans for talks on the re-imposition quotas following the July

As long as the abnormal situation in the Middle East and the Gulf area prevails, then we are not talking about the quotas," Dr Subroto said yesterday.



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Taxation	4,145	3,242						
Earnings after Taxation	16,157	16,871						
Less: Minority Interests	480	332						
_	15,677	16,539						
Gain on Sale of Marketable Securities	4,307	3,215						
Foreign Currency Gains	3,377	2,211						
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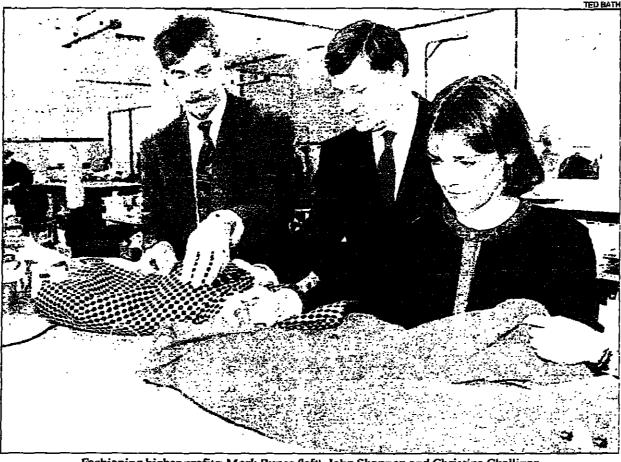
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# Country Casuals wears recession well



Fashioning higher profits: Mark Bunce (left), John Shannon and Christina Challinor

By Jon Ashworth

COUNTRY Casuals, the women's fashion retailer that came to the market in June. lifted pre-tax profits by 42 per cent to E405.000 (£286.000) in the half year to July 25.

Turnover fell to £14.7 million (£15 million). The gains came from improved sales and margins and an absence of interest charges. Earnings per share were 1.88p (1.38p) and, as expected, there is no interim dividend.

John Shannon, chairman, said margins were improving in an "extremely difficult" trading environment. The company now has 157 outlets. Mr Shannon, Christina Challinor, marketing and merchandising director, and Mark Bunce, finance and strategy director, previously worked together at Laura Ashley. They led a management buy-in of Country Casu-als from Coats Viyella in March 1989.

Little of the market launch is reflected in the results. The flotation occurred only 30 days before the half-year end, and the £4.5 million in new capital raised had only a small impact on net interest income. The shares closed at 122p. 8p below launch price.

#### Kraft gets taste for chocolate

FROM REUTER

KRAFT General Foods International, a Philip Morris subsidiary, said it was going ahead with an offer for Freia Marabou, Scandinavia's biggest chocolate maker, after an independent review of the

company. Kraft made its announcement in a statement to the Oslo bourse. It is offering \$1.5

billion for Freia. One of several conditions in the bid for Freia was that if an independent "due diligence" review disclosed that the Freia Group has incurred or may incur losses or liabilities not previously disclosed ex-ceeding 878.4 million crowns £87.75 million, then Freia and Kraft shall negotiate the offer price".

Kraft gave no details of the review other than to say that it was positive.

Freia shareholders will meet in Oslo tomorrow to discuss another condition for the take-over — scrapping the limits on foreign ownership of the com-

pany, currently one third. Hershey Foods, the large American group, is also hold ing talks with Norway's Orkla A/S about a possible rival bid.



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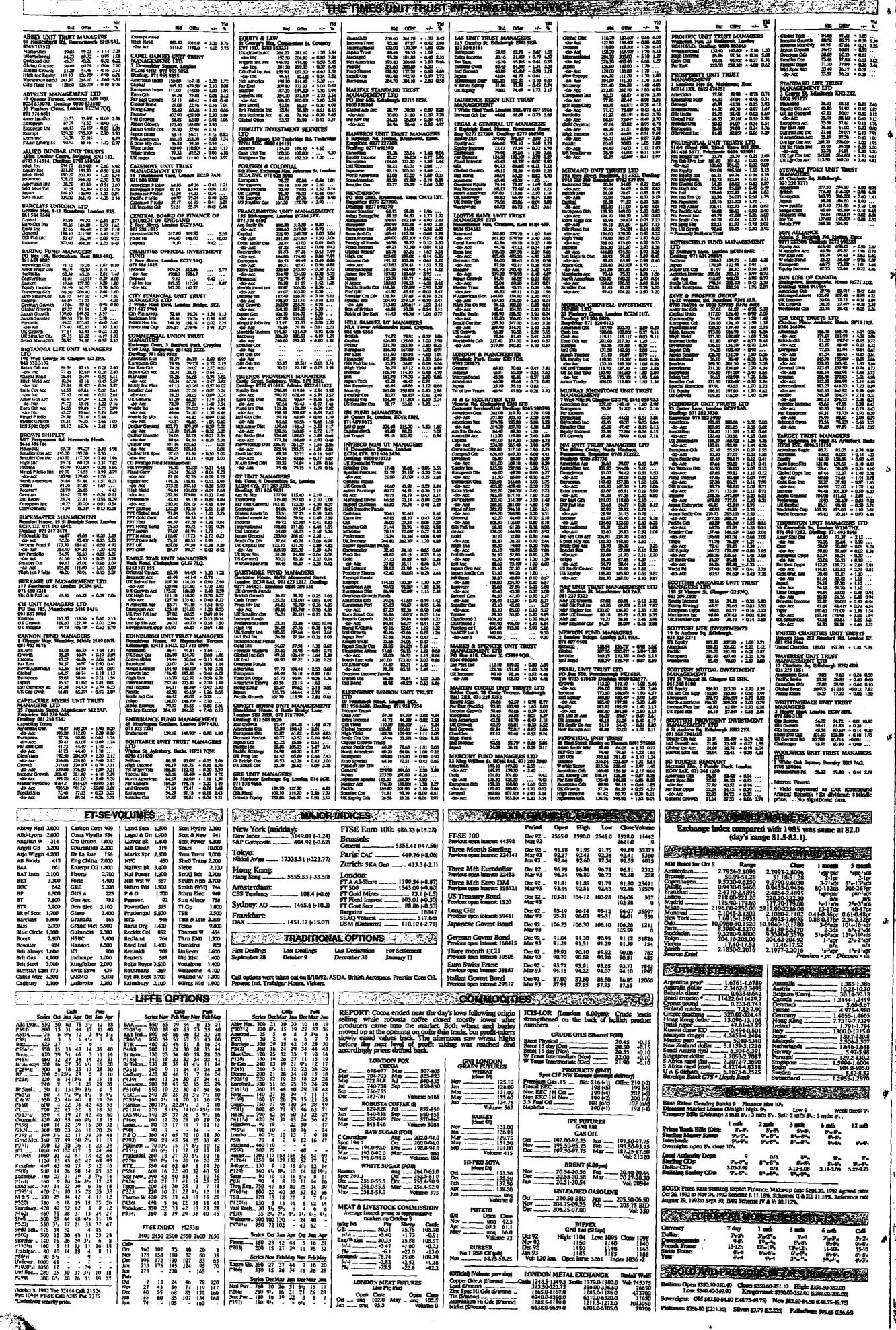
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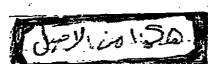
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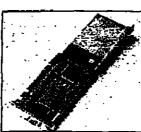
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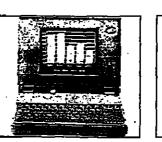
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to regain its dominance in the personal computer market, by announcing about 70 new models. The intention is to

dispel industry criticism that Big

Blue has a lacklustre attitude to PCs, and to win back a sizeable chunk of business from the "clone"

manufacturers of South East Asia

"We have come out with all guns

blazing," claims Howard Ford,

who is in charge of personal computers for IBM UK. "Virtually all our PC products are being changed, with new features, func-

tions and prices. No one can now

say that IBM is not serious about

The reason for producing such a large number of products is that they must cater for the many

different types of customers and

routes to market, argues Mr Ford.

The PC market is no longer

homogeneous. There is a vast array

of customers with varying require-ments. We now have something for

and the Far East

the PC business.

Part of IBM's new range (left to right): Personal System/Note model 2141-182; Personal System/2 model 77; XGA card; 9515 monitor. Personal System/2 model 77; Thinkpad 300C; 9518 monitor; PS/Valuepoint 6384 model C he computer company IBM has launched a bid

# Who needs all this hardware?

Models are priced from less than E1,000 to more than E100,000. There is a range of colour portables and a cheaper range of PCs dubbed Valuepoint. Many of the new machines are based on the powerful Intel 486 microprocessor, which IBM manufactures under licence. In fact most of the technology is

manufactured by IBM. But some experts believe that this is a dangerous strategy for any computer com-pany, even one of IBM's size. Hardware manufacturing requires vast capital investment in research. development and production, but

yields extremely low profits.

The future belongs to the "computerless computer com-pany", says Shmuel Halevi, vice-president of the Technology Research Group in Boston. By the year 2000, the most successful computer companies will be those that buy computers rather than

As IBM attempts to regain lost ground with some 70 new models, Jane Bird ponders the PC market's future

Last month the corporation an-

nounced that a wholly-owned sub-

build them, he argues. These companies will add value in the form of profitable software to make the computers perform useful tasks.
"No matter how powerful a computer you make, you won't get a big return, so do not make the inrestment." Mr Halevi says. His hero is Bill Gates, billionaire chief executive of Microsoft, who made his formune entirely from software.

IBM recognises the need to transform itself from being a "boxshifter" to being also a software and services company. In a move aimed more closely at individual markets, its monolithic structure is gradually being broken up into independent units which have to prove their own



Shmuel Halevi: IBM should

isation, another separate business, Individual Computer Products International, has responsibility for marketing IBM's cheapest range of PCs, the Ambra.

"IBM is shedding its old structure and preparing to sink or swim," Mr Halevi says. "But I fear for its life if it continues its policy of creating more and more powerful machines. There is no reason for IBM to keep selling PCs."

IBM is not the only major com-puter vendor to come under fire from Mr Halevi. He strongly criti-cises Digital Equipment for spending millions of pounds developing

second. Such investment is pointless, he says, when similar products will soon be available from special-

ist chip manufacturers.

Mr Ford agrees that it makes sense to buy in technology where possible, and that IBM has a policy of scouring the market for indepen-dent suppliers. "We buy in items such as memory chips, power-supplies and computer cases. IBM does not want to be in metal-bashing." Yet its volumes are so large that it can usually produce components or sub-systems more cheaply than they are available on the open market

1BM also needs to try to keep its vast manufacturing workforce oc-cupied. Many of the 40,000 redunworldwide that it dancies announced last week will be in production. One solution is to sell IBM's technology to others. "The market for our products is far wider than IBM-type PCs," Mr Ford says. "Some components have been spotted in knitting machines." Of this week's new products.

IBM hopes that Valuepoint will be its killer weapon in the price war. IBM says it will reduce its price within 48 hours of any rivals attempting to undercut it. We do not wish to start a price war, but we will certainly finish it." Mr Ford says. "We want the industry to know we will do whatever it takes to

keep our prices competitive."
One innovative feature in the new "Thinkpad" portable is a pointing stick in the middle of the keyboard, said to be much easier to use than a mouse. This incorporates the industry's latest colour flatscreen technology: active matrix thin film transistor, developed jointly with Toshiba.

The established PS/1 range now dubbed "Easy-PC" (easy-peasy), is being aimed at non-technical cus-tomers. The PS/1 is ready-loaded with software, and no manuals are supplied. An on-screen

# Watch for the message

Chris Partridge on the

evolution of the telecom pager

This Christmas the telecom pager will be transformed from a drab, utilitarian object worn by plumbers, firemen and junior doctors into a hotselling fashion item. That at least is the intention of Yves Farjot, vice president of Swatch Telecom, a new subsidiary of the Swiss fashion watch company. His product — which he aims to put on every style-follower's Christmas list — is a combined pager

and wristwatch The strength of the Swatch brand, combined with the unique design of the product. will transform the pager mar-

ket from a virtually dormant business into a booming mass mar-Mr Farjot confidently.

There will be about 18 million pagers service worldwide at the end of

million ope, and the number will grow to 100 million by the year 2000, when there will be 13

million in Europe."
Until now, Mr Farjot argues, the pager has had a terrible image. Designs are purely functional, they are worn uncomfortably on the belt and are associated with people at the beck and call of others. In America, the image problem is even worse they are often used by drug dealers and callgirls.

Swatch Telecom has been selling a wristwatch pager in Switzerland for some months,

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yours

 Two Japanese companies
 have joined with AT&T and a Californian start-up irm to produce personal

communicators" - handheld levices that combine the funcions of telephones, faxes and

computers. The alliance, will

attempt to promote an indus-

Several companies are designing pocket devices to serve as electronic organisers, com-

municators or information-

delivery mechanisms, known

as personal digital assistants.

School leavers who want a

career in computing may be

offered an old-fashioned four

year "apprenticeship", if a

and it will be launched in the US this month. To all appearances, it is a rather bulky analogue wristwatch, styled with Swatch's usual panache but otherwise unremarkable.

Inside, however, are all the electronics needed for a tone pager which bleeps to alert the wearer that a message is waiting. In Britain, it will cost about £100, which will include registration on a paging

But who will buy a wrist-watch pager? "If a pager is on your wrist you don't forget it and you don't have to worry about dropping it," says. Mr

" The draw-

Now Swatch this space: timepiece and pager

back of current wristwatch. pagers is their size, although bulky and heavy than the average Rolex. In America, where taste in watches can

erge on the flashy, size is actually seen as an advantage. One answer could be a new computer chip for pagers announced last month by the British company GEC Plessey Semiconductors. This could substantially reduce the size of wristwatch pagers by incorporating the signal filters that

into the chip. The next technical problem is squeezing a better antenna into the wristwatch. "Performance is not as good as the box style pager, but researchers are producing designs that put an antenna in the strap." says Andrew Burt of GPS.

scheme being set up by the Worshipful Company of In-formation Technologists

Companies subscribing to the scheme will have their

trainees supervised by appren-

tice masters appointed by WCIT, and will have to give them one day off a week during the "indentureship"

for external training.

The WCIT, which was set up in 1987, is appealing for

funds to support the scheme;

which has so far indentured

four apprentices at companies including Logica and Bull.

On his first day as president of Digital Equipment Corpo-ration, Robert Palmer said he

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#### Helping the spirit of competition

EMPLOYEE share ownership Moreover, the most popular reaplans (Esops), which, in their most developed form, have been especially popular among smaller businesses, make a company more competitive, according to those who have taken the plunge. This emerges from the first-ever survey conducted by the Esop Centre, based in London, which looks after the interests of Britain's 35 or so businesses with Esop schemes

(Derek Harris writes). Esops, with their tax advantages, offer employees a share in a firm's ownership, usually raising the cash through loans. The first UK Esop was established in 1986 and there was a steady increase in numbers until about 18 months ago, when the recession was blamed for a

sharp slowdown. Two thirds of the firms surveyed said they felt their businesses were more competitive because of employee ownership. Three out of four also believed it meant improved employee motivation and produc-

tivity.

The element of greater motivation has always been a strong argument for going down the Esop route, just as the downside has been the complexity of setting up an Esop as well as the cost. In the United States, where the Esop movement is more widely developed, two thirds of companies point to improvements in motivation and productivity.

Two thirds of those in the survey agreed that communications between managers and employeeowners were now more frequent.

sons for forming an Esop were the attractions of the employee ownership concept and the way it could provide additional employee benefits.

Other reasons included the prospect of low-cost financing and tax incentives. It has been a popular way to stage buyouts, notably in the privatisation of bus companies. Nobody listed an adverse effect, but five out of the 21 firms surveyed said they had not noticed any particular improvement.

Most of the businesses used their Esop status as a promotional tool because of evidence that customers like the idea of employee-owner ship as they feel they will get a bet-ter service. More than half the Esop companies in the United States similarly advertise that they are employee-owned.



# Landscaper cultivates quality

By DEREK HARRIS

A KENT landscape gardener is the first small business to gain BS5750, the quality standard. through a budget-priced pioneering group workshop system. It is organised by the management training arm of the Agricultural Training Board, which is in the process of being privatised.

Privatisation will see the management training extended beyond its beginnings in the agricultural and horticultural sectors to take in most other industrial and commercial areas.

Andrew Dowding, the landscaper, is still only 25, although he started his business, Beck Landscapes, of Wilmington, near Dartford, seven years ago. He had worked part-time for a landscape contractor before going to horticul-tural college. His main work is landscape construction for local authorities, building contractors and developers throughout the South East. Turnover is now more than £500,000 a year and he

employs seven people. "To continue development of our business," Mr Dowding says, "we not only had to be well trained, but we have to prove to customers we are a professional company with a guaranteed quality of work. People want a competitive price and a high standard of workmanship."

The BS accreditation is a key assurance for customers, he says. Local authorities are increasingly looking to BS5750 as a necessit for any company wanting to do business with them. An improved



Fertile soil: annual turnover of Andrew Dowding's business has grown to more than £500,000

order book at Beck reflects working improvements achieved during the development towards accredita-

tion, Mr Dowding believes. The group workshop route used by Mr Dowding cuts costs compared with getting a consultant to steer a business through to BS5750 accreditation. This is the claim of the agricultural board's management training centre at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire, home of the Royal Agricultural Show. The centre has

been relaunched as Agenda as the privatisation process continues and the group workshops are part of a wider brief at Agenda, which is aimed at providing quality man-agement training for smaller com-

David Fenemore, group com-mercial director at the training board and a director of Agenda, reckons the group workshop system should keep accreditation costs below £3,000 - £2,500 has, so far,

been a typical figure - compared with one-to-one consultancy fees that are likely to vary between £6,000 and £15,000. In addition. £1,800 is needed to pay for an assessment audit in the first year. plus £1,200 a year for monitoring during the next two years.

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nun individual outlets. One of the team, Keith Webber, said: "The UK franchises seem to: be attracting white-collar profes-sionals, especially ex-managers. Some former bank managers and ex-executives are among them. It's a business-to-business environ-ment, which is very different from and, perhaps, more congenial com-pared with the more familiar franchise opportunities in foods

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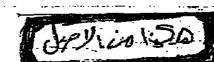
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# Culture Vulture to warm up in style for American campaign

PAUL Cole's high-dass filly Culture Vulture should win the October Stakes at Ascot today in the care of her regular rider, Richard Quinn.

Already the winner of the French 1,000 Guineas this season, Culture Vulture later ran the redoubtable Marling to three-quarters of a length in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot over today's distance. Interestingly, that was almost a replica of their running the previous season in the Queen Mary Stakes at Royal

Later that season, Culture Vulture won the Brent Walker Mile at Ascot and the Prix Marcel Boussac at Longchamp, both group one races, within the space of eight days. In Paris she beat Hatoof, who was destined to win our 1,000 Guineas this spring at the expense Marling.

But at Ascot Culture Vulture

Morrison

nominated

for key role

SIR Peter Morrison was yes-

terday nominated by the Nat-ional Trainers' Federation

(NTF) for the position of the

chairman of the industry com-

mittee, which will have three

seats on the new British Horseracing Board (Michael

If elected, he will automati-

The NTF has also nominated Michael Darnell, a director

of Tesco Holdings since 1975,

Morrison, aged 48, has been involved in racing all his

life, both on the breeding side

More importantly, he has

been a member of Parliament

for 18 years, and a minister

for ten. He was Minister of

State for Employment from 1983 to 1985, and for Indus-

try from 1985-6. Peter Cundell, president of

the NTF, commented at Wincanton yesterday: "We have got to feel that this is a

positive step forward. Peter Morrison's political experi-ence will be such a help in negotiating not only with

Downing Street, but also with

the Sir Humphreys of this

is today. These are the sorts of men we need to help to run

If elected, Morrison is keenly looking forward to the challenge. "The racing indus-

try has an important role to play in our nation," he said. "I know how important it is for an industry to be properly understood in the corridors of

Whitehall and Westminster.

the industry is united on the

stand it wishes to take, and

That is not easy to achieve, and only comes about when

"As for Michael Darnell, he has been with Tesco for 26 years, and has made it what it

world

for election to the board.

cally be deputy chairman of racing's new rolling body.

Seely writes).

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

benefited from the disqualification of Midnight Air, who gave her a hefty bump when she launched her challenge at

the two-furlong marker.

As she limbers up for a campaign in the United States later this year, Culture Vulture obviously has to fear Mid-night Air, particularly as she has to give her 6lb.

Also considered to be classic material early this year, Midnight Air then completely lost her way. However, her good second to Perfect Circle at Doncaster last month signalled that she was on the way back to her best.

For the unbeaten Idaayei, who has gone from strength to strength since overcoming an

be supplemented today for the

Dewhurst Stakes at Newmar-

Coventry Stakes had re-

deemed his temporarily for-

feited reputation with a sparkling victory in the Cham-pagne Stakes at Doncaster,

Geoffrey Wragg had said that the colt was likely to be retired

Explaining the reason for his £12,500 change of heart,

the trainer said yesterday: "He

came out of York so well and

has been in such good heart

ever since, that we've decided

unbeaten if he hadn't jumped

a path on ground too firm for

Petardia certainly faces a

stiff task as his likely oppo-

nents will include Zafonic,

currently 5-2 favourite for next spring's 2,000 Guineas after

that impressive win in the Prix de la Salamandre. "Obviously,

he's going to be hard to beat, but we'll certainly give him a

Newmarket's group one sev-

en-furlong test is Britain's

race," Wragg said.

"After all, he might still be

to go for the Dewhurst.

After the winner of Ascot's

ket next Friday.

for the season.

him at York."

aversion to the starting stalls, today's race represents an enormous step up in class.

While conceding that another unbeaten filly. Only Royale, will obviously be hard to beat in the Mitre Handicap even with 9st 11b on her back. I still prefer to go nap on Plan

By winning at Nottingham, Warwick, Lingfield, Epsom, Sandown, Folkestone and Goodwood already this season this wonderfully tough King Of Clubs filly has made a considerable contribution to

her trainer Geoff Lewis's record-breaking season. With that good apprentice David Harrison cutting her light weight still further by drawing his 3Ib allowance, those seven earlier victories should not be the end of her success story.

Petardia supplemented to

test Zafonic in Dewhurst

By Michael Seely

subsequent year's Derby win-

ners, Generous and Dr

land and Inchinor are also possible runners. But no firm

decision has yet been taken

about Inchmor, who created

such a favourable impression when beating Right Win at

Ascot recently.

Fatherland is sure to be strongly fancied to give Vincent O'Brien a remarkable

eighth Dewhurst win after his

smooth success in the Nat-

ional Stakes at the Curragh.

As well as Zafonic, Father-

PETARDIA, defeated only test. In the past two years, for

once when unplaced in the example, it has fallen to the Gimerack Stakes at York, is to

Devious.

profit again. The Aim Aviation Nursery can go to Satin Dancer, who Significantly, Plan Ahead was only just touched off over a escapes a penalty for winning

2.00 Khattat. 2.30 PLAN AHEAD (nap).

3.05 Culture Vulture. 3.40 Satin Dancer. 4.15 Prince Mercury. 4.45 Olette. 5.15 Shadow Bird.

Goodwood last Saturday.

Normally you would expect

a horse who has run so many

times this season to go off the

boil at this comparatively late

stage. Crucially, though, Plan Ahead enjoyed an eight-week break in mid-summer so she

If any horse deserves to win

the Mayflower Apprentices

Stakes it is Olette, who was

beaten only a neck by Mts Fisher at the last meeting, but only after her bridle had

broken leaving the stalls, eff-

ectively leaving her rudderless.

lucky rider on that occasion, is

suspended, Jason Weaver.

who was aboard Mrs Fisher.

now gets the opportunity to

Discussing the latest state of

play and comparing Zafonic with Tenby, 8-1 favourite for the Derby after his Grand Criterium win last Saturday.

Geoffrey Gibbs, the Jockey Club's senior handicapper,

said: "At present, I would

place Tenby a pound in front

This is because King Man-go and Splendent were beaten further in the Criterium than in the Salamandre. But it's not

so much what Zafonic beat, it's

By way of comparison, Arazi was assessed at 127 after his

1991 Grand Criterium win.

fessional point of view, it will

be disappointing if Petardia won as his form is so exposed.

We've got him on 114. But

aithough Fatherland and

Inchinor are both about the

same mark, they are unknown

quantities and still im-

There is also a possibility

that Lost Soldier, third to

Desert Secret in Ascot's Royal Lodge Stakes for Shaikh Mo-

hammed after easy wins at Yarmouth and Newmarket,

may be supplemented. "He

didn't stay the mile and didn't

like the soft ground at Ascot,"

Gibbs added: "From a pro-

of Zafonic.

proving."

Ludlow

the way he did it."

As Francis Norton, her un-

will be fresher than most.

2.00 Khattat. 2.30 Only Royale. 3.05 Midnight Air. 3.40 Hostile Witness 4.15 PRINCE MERCURY (nap). 5.15 Kinematic

THUNDERER

RICHARD EVANS: 2.30 Fire Top. 3.40 SATIN DANCER (nap). 4.15 Whitechapel.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Selaah. 3.05 MiDNIGHT AIR (nap). 4.45 Olette. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.45 OLETTE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 6F-1M STRAIGHT, LOW NUMBERS BEST 2.00 DUNCE OF EDINBURGH STAKES (2-Y-O: £8,460: 6f) (7 runners) AGHAR (Singlish Ahmed Al-Makinum) D Elsworth 9-0. .....

SETTING: 2-1 Correspondence, 3-1 Khaital, 5-1 Fresh Morning, 7-1 Wissam, 8-1 Wall, 10-1 others. 1991: PLINE FORMALITY 8-9 J Williams (14-1) D Etsworth 7 cm FORM FOCUS

AGHAR (Foaled Feb 25, cost 26,000grs), Half-brother by Altomoru to motion-distance minnes in France and Sermany, CORPLESPONDENCE (Lan Pages 25, 185), Half-brother to sownal wiscoss in North Accentac, dam a wiscost up to 7. INATTAT (Mar 9, 1910,000), By El Som Senor out of a mare who won front 61-1m as a jumpsile.

2.30 MITTE HANDICAP (£8,541: 1m 2f) (11 numers) 

BETTRIC: 2-1 Only Royale, 6-1 Plan Abasid, 8-1 Fengari, 8-1 Seisab, 18-1 Fire Top, Carry Chronocke, 11-1 Sept Indigo, 12-1 Rose Alto, Milzig, 15-1 Host, 20-1 Cosanwood. 1891: RED BISHOP 3-9-4 S Cauther (5-2 lar) J Gossien 9 rays

FORM FOCUS SEAL MDIGO best Libit Ni in 9-anner Doncaster (1m 44, good to firm) handicap on genetilmein start. ROSE ALTO best Major's Law 21 in 10-renner (1m 31 robot, good to firm) handicap. SELAAH 6941 4th of 10 a Who (1m 31 robot, good to firm) handicap. SELAAH 6944 4th of 10 a Who (1m 12 good) handicap with FRE TUP (1m 12 good) handicap with FRE TUP (2mm isrum) 4949 8th (

Previously best Googly 11/61 in 5-mmer Newbury (firm 21, good) bendings.
HOST 39/41 4th of 10 to What Kisty Did in Newbury (firm 11, good) handicap with COTTONWOOD (26) bester oilly 31 bits.
FENGARI 27 2hr of 12 to Major Buyler in handicap over course and distance (sort) with MILZIG (11th bester oilly nock 3rd. PLAN AHEAD best Cachesy neck in 19-mure Goodwood (in 11, good to sort) apprentice Jockeys' handicap.

3.05 OCTOBER STAKES (Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: 1m md) (7 runners)

SETTING: 9-4 Culture Volume, 3-1 Julianyel, 7-2 Midmight Air, 6-1 Weil Beyond, 12-1 others. 1991: CHEPAYA 8-11 G Dublield (12-1) J. Farebase 10 ran

CULTURE VALTURE %1 2nd of 7 to Marking in group I Committee States at Ascot (firm, good to firm). Providently best Hydro Califor 3/1 in group I note: Provide of Essai des Provilènes at Lompicamy (firm, good). JDANYEL best Mattasyl 236 in 11-mourt randoca over concer and distance (soil).

MICHIGENT AIR 11 2nd of 8 to Perfect Circle in Selection: CULTURE VULTURE.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

3.40 AIM AVIATION HURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0; £11,235; 7f) (18 runners)

BETTRIC: 8-1 Sain Denser, 9-1 Buros), Chambian, 10-1 No Aestractions, Home From The Hill, 12-1 Chain Dasse, Segonal Splendour, 14-1 Amestrock, Swiman, Brigarte Di Cielo, Empire Pool, 16-1 others. 1991; LOUSA SCAPLETT 7-10 F Motion (25-1) G Lawis 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

4.15 WYNDHAM HANDICAP (£10,143: 2m 45yd) (12 runners) BETTBIC: 11-4 Prince Merchay, 9-2 Bold Resolution, 5-1 Whitechapet, 7-1 Our Assing, 8-1 Nijmegen, 9-1 Five To Seven, 10-1 Jungle Dancer, 14-1 Gay Stirt, 16-1 Halitom, 20-1 others. 1991: RECUESTED 4-7-4 F Monton (11-1) R Alekturs\* 10 ram

FORM FOCUS

WHITECHAPE. Mi Sed of 17 to Doick Remorm in tendicap here (Im 41, soft), HAITHAM 8941 4th of 13 to 7ap Sput in Kempton (Im 61, good) beadfaap. OUR ASSUMS beaf And & Beat 17th in Crester (2m, good to firm) handcap with JUNGLE DANCER (2b) beater off) 341 3rd, WELSHMAN (Sh better off) 441 3th and GAY GLINT tailed off 4441 3th and GAY GLINT tailed off 481 MAMESIEN beat Top Sput 11 in Haydock (Im 61, Selection: 801.D RESOLUTION (nep)

4.45 MAYFLOWER APPRENTICES STAKES (£3,655: 1m str) (9 runners)

1991: SCATTER 4-8-3 J Smith (100-30) G Harwood 6 zan

FLAMMING ARROW 11%1 2nd of 5 to Waterload Creek in Ledeckier (Im., good to Sirm) states race.

13 to Queen (If Shannon in Salksbury (7t, solt) translage on pseudiminate start. OLETTE neck 2nd of BOLD PURSUIT 2NH 3nd of 4 to Mrs Fester in approximation race here (7t, solt). MUHT 1141 3nd of 5 Selection: BOLD PURSUIT.

5.15 CORINTHIAN HANDICAP (Amaleurs: £3,720: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

(4) 203124 KINEMATIK 20 (F) (K Abdalta) J Gosten 4-12-0 J J Duttan (9) 200-135 MAAMER 14J (D) (Prix Supplies Ltd) D Burchell 4-10-2 J Mattan (9) 413234 MORYS FLUTTER 38 (G) (W Prov) D Elevanth 3-10-0 C Vigors (8) 42243 TATURES PRINCE 3 (D,F,S) (H Collegradge) H Collegradge 5-3-12 P F Close (6) 534115 SHADOW 8800 18 (CD,BF,FS) (A Doug 6 P Gorden 5-9-8 P PTREASH-Gorden (7) 610530 SANAWI 28J (F,S) (Star Eng Products Ltd) P Evens 5-9-7 W McLaughtin (3) 000560 SANAWI 28J (F,S) (Orl Shretini) M Libber 9-9-7 G Sheetah (3) 032017 CHRISTMAN MOLS 1703 (B,F) J Granter Mess L Bower 6-9-7 MON-RUMBER (10) 65400 COXAWI 92 J (Basch) J McCornochile 6-9-7 NON-RUMBER (10) 65400 COXAWI 92 J (Basch) J McCornochile 6-9-7 E Tollmars Long bandicay: Sasaut 9-0, Black Jenel 8-12, Chesimus Hols 8-7, Dr Zeva 7-7, Covann 7-5.

BÉTTING: 8-4 (Americalic, 4-1 Magaspir. 9-2 Ivon's Flutjer, 5-1 Steadow Bird, 8-1 Taylors Prince, 16-1 others. 1991: SHADOW BIRD 4-10-8 P Princhard-Gordon (7-1) 6 Princhard-Gordon 11 can FORM FOCUS

3.20 ORTON MOVICES HURDLE

# \$178.00. 3.50 (im 31 195yd) 1. Bigwheel Bill (Staphen Davies, 8-1); 2. Much Sought After (14-1); 3. Simply-H (8-1). Connector: 11-2 km, 14 ran. NP. Eire Leath-Scael. 11, 31 J Watta. Tota: 23.40; 22.90, 28.90, 52.20. DF; 2107.00. CSF: £113.97. Tricast; £576.28. and sensible fashion."

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Toke: \$2.00. DF: 51.40. CSF: \$2.91.
230 (1m 28 89.0) 1, Edge Of Darkness (D Harlison, 4-1); 2; Boogle Bopper (3-1 lan); 3, Diamond Wedding (7-2; 7 ran, Nr. 3); 7 Hills. Toke: \$4.30; \$1.90; \$5.90. DF: \$5.90. CSF: \$15.50.
3.00 (77 202.yd) 1, Forever Diamonds (S Meloney, 3-1 lav); 2, Shaffeaf (7-1); 3, En Atlandant (10-1); 31 ran, 33, rhc, M H Eastley, Toke: \$1.90; \$1.50, \$2.20, \$2.50. DF: \$3.10. Tither \$51.70. CSF: \$24.05. Titheast; \$1.78.00. Haydock Park

EIS.00. CST: \$22.52. 5.00 (71202-d) 1, Bin Ahmed (8 Raymond, 11-10 fay); 2, Ameson Ameem (7-4); 3, Doc-tor (6-1), 6 ran. NR: Wampts. 394, nk. B Herbury, Tota: \$2.40, \$1.40, \$1.30. DF: \$1.50. CSF: \$3.49.

Wragg: his Petardia

Gasing: good to soft 2.10 (1m 30)(d) 1, Lend Note (Pat Eddary, 1-2 fav), 2, Solantica (11-2); 3, Swill Spring (4-1), 5 mm, 31, 2)(d. H Cacil, Tota: £1,30; 21,10, £1,50, DF: £2,00, CSF: £3,62 11:32 (20)(d) 1. Turgenev (D Holland, 11-2); 2. Mimigue (7-4 lav); 3. Roueito (11-2); 2. Mimigue (7-4 lav); 3. Roueito (11-2-2); 2. nan. 1 M, 1 M, 2 Goeden, Tota: \$5.50; 22.30, £1.50, DF: \$220, CSF; £14.50.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES)

2.15 BBC AFTERNOON SPECIAL SELLING

HURDLE (£1,723: 2m 1f 110yd) (15 runners)

2.45 STONES BITTER MOVICES CHASE

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JOCKEYS: S Smith Cecles, 11 winners from 26 ddes, 42.3%; 6 McCourt, 25 from 81, 34.5%; Mrs A Farrell, 4 from 14, 28.5%; M Dwyer, 22 from 85, 27.1%; R Hesiga, 3 from 12, 25.0%; D Dyrus, 15 from 84, 17.5%.

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Going: good (good to firm patches)
2.20 (2m Indie) 1, Enfant Du Paradia (T Wal, 5-2); 2, Northern Nation (8-1); 3, Distant Home (25-1), Jamestown Boy 6-4 (av. 11 ara. NR; Romola Nijinsky. 4, 15. P. Evers. Tota: 24.10; 21.60; 21.90; 25.50; DF: 21.740; CSF: 21.790;
2.50 (2m 41 ch) 1, Frieso City (Mr M Brass), 7-2); 2, Tuffnut George (13-2); 3, Heimar (10-1), Capital Punishment 5-2 (av. 10 ara. NJ, 134. S Christian, CSF: 22-27.
3.20 (2m 11 110yd Indie) 1, Bravo Star (W Manston, 6-5 (av); 2; Cruzidastone (3-1); 3, Nurs Jewel (20-1), 6 ran. 12, 101. P Leach. Tota: 22.30; 21.50, 21.90, DF: 22.70; CSF: \$4.84.
3.50 (2m 51 110yd Indie) 1, The Black Monk (M Perrett, 11-2); 2, Emperors Wearlor (11-10 Say); 3, Teseidoursdorim (12-1), 12 ran. NF: Deep Design (Deep, 15; 11, M Pipe. Tota: 23.50; 21.50, 21.50, 22.10, DF: 24.80. CSF: £1.67. LSF: £11.67.
4.20 (2m ch) 1, Benbridge (R Bellemy, 6-4 fax); 2, Silppery Max (9-2); 3, Achilibule (12-1), 6 ran. MR: Pins Gunner. S., 12, D Nicholson. Tote: £2.30; £1.80, £1.80. DF: £5.00. CSF: £7.72.

2240, (22 vi), DF: \$19.30, CSF: E77.82, 248 (2m holle) 1, Royal Print (M Richards, 9-1); 2, Dublin Indemnity (7-2); 3, Altmac Nomis (5-1), Elegant Touch 3-1 tav. 14 ran. 51, 123 W Muir. Tota: \$13.00; \$2.20, \$1.60, \$2.30, DF: \$16.40, CSF: \$36.59. zc.au. ur; z:n.40. CSF: 236.99 3.15 (2m Si ch) 1, Ragten Road (P Holley, evens tan); 2, Mr Tritle Tettle (7-1); 3, Rad Amber (16-1), 10 ran, 10, 30, Mrs P Dut-field, Tois: 22.00; c1.50, c1.20, c4.30, DF: 24,80, CSF: 25.37 EA.ED. CSF: 28.37.
3.45 (2m hdis) 1. Cyprus (S Curran, 9-1); 2. Master Rath (5-2); 3. Odliex (65-1). Philip's Woody 7-4 tav. 20 ran, 9. 1141. Miss J Doyle, Tota: 27.70; 22.40, 51.50, 51.290. DF: 221.00. CSF: 220.85. NR: Safe Arrival. 4.15 (3m tf 110yd ch) 1, Ferm Week (R Guest, 5-1); 2, Thusty Friend (2-1); 3, Grey Tomado (16-1). People's Choice 6-5 tav. 5 ran, Sh. fd, 3. G. Bekiding, Tota: 28.40, 21.50. DF: 26.50. CSF: 27.3.80.
4.45 (2m hdish 1, Sarr Of The Glain IS 2240, 2130, 1250,

Wincanton

Going: good (good to firm in places)

3.15 JACKSON'S CATERING HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,846: 3m 1) (4) 2.15 Gris Et Violet. 2.45 First Lord. 3.15 Decent Man. 3.45 Le Temeraire. 4.20 Cheap Metal. 4.55 My Decire. 5.25 Jasmin Path. 4-6 Silver Helia, 3-1 Repler Thrust, 6-1 Decent Man. 6-1 West Fodes 2.15 Bettile Standard. 2.45 Royal Progress. 3.15 Silver Helio. 3.45 Persian House. 4.20 Cool Day. 4.55 My Desire. 5.25 Master's Crown. 3.45 WILLIAM STONES HOVICES CHASE 5-4 Persian House, 6-4 Le Terseraire, 4-1 integé Lat. 14-1 others RBLE (27, 728: 27m TT 110yd) (15 runners)

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6-4 My Desire, 5-2 Highen Yelin, 4-1 Carefree Times, 8-7 Tenieum, 10-7 (Circs. 5.25 LADY JOCKEYS' ASSOCIATION HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,577: 2m 3f 110yd) (6) 1 0113 MASTER'S CROMM 13 (S.S.) M Chapmen 4-11-10 Lorna Vincent
2 3P-4 SILVER AGE 14 (G. J Bradley 6-11-8 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Jacky Davies (?)
3 6/0 DESIGNAS BID 11 (F.G.) J Long 6-11-8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Lesse Long (?)
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Wolfhound stays in Foret WOLFHOUND, winner of the Diadem Stakes at Ascot, was one of nine horses to stand their ground yesterday for the group one Prix de la Foret at Longchamp on Sunday.

The John Gosden-trained colt will be ridden by Pat Eddery in the seven-furlong race that has also attracted Pursuit Of Love (Ray Cochrane) and the Pip Payne-trained Casteddu from Britain. The French acceptors are Monde Bleu, Lion Cavern. Des Toiles. Silicon Bavaria, Hydro Calido and Kenbu.

#### Happy memories for Cooper

BIGWHEEL Bill turned the clock back 25 years for owner Gerald Cooper by winning the British Gas NE Apprentice Handicap at York yesterday. The Bill Watts-trained gelding made all to beat Much Sought After a length bringing back happy memo-ries for Cooper.

"The last time I stood in the York winner's enclosure was after Ovaltine, trained by Bill's father, Jack, had just captured the 1967 Ebor Handicap," Cooper recalled.

Cooper, from Balcombe, has had several other line horses including Super Sam. Pally's Double and Engulf.

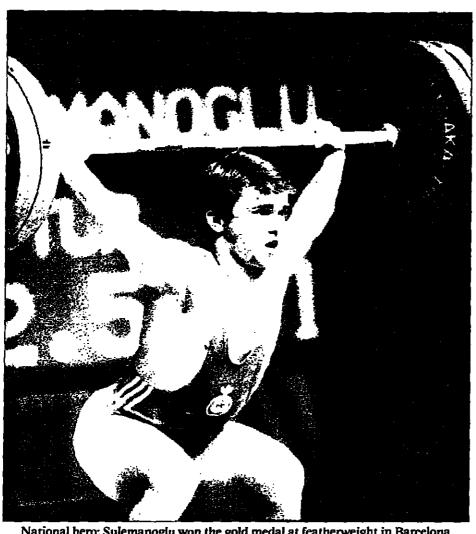


# **BANK OF SCOTLAND** SCOTPLAN AND SCOTMASTER

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David Miller discovers that a Turkish bid for the Olympic Games in 2000 will involve modern facilities and be well funded

# Istanbul offers Olympic movement a new frontier



National hero: Sulemanoglu won the gold medal at featherweight in Barcelona

Sydney and Manchester, as host for the Olympic Games of 2000 will be difficult enough for the International Olympic Committee (IOC). The bid by Istanbul. with several unique qualities, complicates the issue still

in its majestic position between Europe and Asia astride the restless Bosporus, it offers the Olympic movement a chance to return to one of the seats of civilisation that it declined when selecting Atlanta rather than Athens for the centenary Games. This former capital of three empires. Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman, has a cultural history unequalled by any of the other seven candidates. Apart from any logistical or

technical factors — in which the city has more than ade-quate capabilities — it presents a gateway in Olympic development both to the Middle East and to the emerging new republics of central Asia.

Turkey is the only secular state among 40 Muslim nations. Like Nagano, the Japa-nese host for the Winter Games of 1988, Istanbul would hugely expand the sporting perception of millions in an untapped geographic

The problem, readily admitted by Sinan Erdem, the IOC member and his bid commit-

eciding among the tee, is the misperception of frontrumners, Peking, Turkey and the low-key image of Turkish sport. The city has the opportunity to emerge as Europe's leading rival to Peking and Sydney, ahead of Manchester, only if it can attract the attention of the IOC, with visits by a mini-mum of two thirds of the 92 members during the next 11 months before the vote.

For many centuries, different civilisations, races and religions have lived together here," Hayri Kozakcioglu, the city governor, said. "When our ancestors conquered Constantinople, they did not destroy it but protected it. Muslims and Jews, Armenians, Greeks and Persians co-existed with tolerance. We are accused of not respecting human rights, but want the world to come and see the real Turkey. We are not expecting economic profit from the Games."

A recent parliamentary law, soon to be ratified, has granted the organising committee an unrivalled financial base. Under the leadership of Ali Yilmaz, the minister of youth and sport, the committee is funded by a one per-cent levy with a clause for any necessary increase - on the football pools, the national lottery, horseracing and the

state housing fund. This provides an almost unlimited budget and the capacity to build a dozen new sports venues, including a

ISTANBUL'S OLYMPIC PLANS vinage T**ae** 

100,000-seat main stadium at the Olympic Park. a 2,000acre unoccupied site seven miles from the airport. The village would be the most recently completed apartments of an adjacent housing project already under way.

The bid has 94 per cent public support. "We are an elected democracy, and the public wants the Games," Kozakciogłu said.

The main stadium will have commenced construction before the election in Monte Carlo next September, and the Budget Act cannot be revoked until one year after Istanbul is awarded the Games: in 2000, 2004 or whenever. Public

relations are handled by the international firm of Young & Rubicam, with advice from Lillehammer, hosts to the Winter Games, and the United States

Identity, more than facilities, is the priority against a background of few previously hosted international events. It will be up to the specialist Evaluation Commission to determine whether the budget and the facilities are foolproof.

We supply technology information and assistance for a democratic existence to the new Asian republics," Professor Nurettin Sozen, the mayor, said. "We deserve the Games. Perhaps we are not pushy

**RUGBY UNION** 

they view its contents. There

are those who will see the bottle as half empty. They are the pessimists. The others,

and I count myself among

them, who look on it as half

full. We are the optimists."

The point was well made.

whether he backed Wales or

Wales's performance this

week must be seen in the

context of a half-full bottle.

Let us take a superficial

point first. In the World Cup,

England scored four tries

against Italy. New Zealand

scored the same. On Wednes-

day, Wales scored seven.
"If someone before the

Wales should take heart.

enough, but we understand hospitality."

Turkish sport is, in fact, less underdeveloped than imag-ined. The country finished third behind Italy and France at the last Mediterranean Games and had six medalwinners in Barcelona, including Naim Sulemanoglu foremost in the world of weightlifting. Sporting events, in a population where 40 per cent are under 20, dominate much of the daily press and television coverage, and both performers and commentators are more widely recognised than in celebrity-orientated

As in any bid, the Games would assist infrastructure development. A new metro and street car system will be two-thirds complete by next year and a second airport is scheduled on the Asian side. Yet, because of low cost labour and materials, Istanbul would be the least expensive Games of modern times.

Britain.

Yet again, the IOC will have to make an impossible decision: to reward established sports communities, such as Sydney, Manchester or Berlin, or emerging modern populaions such as China or Turkey. do not envy them; but increasingly I suspect that a European challenger, the least expensive administratively for 80 per cent of competitors, may surprise Berlin and Sydney.

**NETBALL** 

#### Coaching director appointed

By Louise Taylor

THE All England Netball Association (AENA) has appointed Paul Amison as national director of development and coaching.

The post is partly funded by the Sports Council, and Liz Nicholl, the AENA's chief executive, said: "We are delighted to have received support from the Sports Council to make this key appointment. The numbers playing netball within adult clubs has increased to over 50,000 this is also increasing. With Paul's help we will be aiming to improve standards of playing and coaching through provision of appropriate support

Amison, 45, from Norwich, will be responsible for working with AENA to identify talent, foster it and creat training schemes for coaches and players. He will also be expected to establish a network of development officers to promote the growth of netball.

Surrey opened their defence of the English Counties League programme on Saturday with an 84-54 win over Birmingham. They had the goal-shooting combination of Barbara Taylor and Sheila Edwards, the former England captain, to thank for victory. Taylor, who is 6ft 1 in and past her fortieth birthday, scored a remarkable 74 times from 80 attempts on goal.

Jill Bickerstaffe, the Hertfordshire goal-shooter, scored 37 times from 44 attempts as her tearn beat Kent 58-53. Essex Metropolitan, last season's runer-up, prevailed by 53-36 against Middlesex, while England's Trudy Papatio was in fine form as Bedfordshire beat promoted Hampshire North 44-34. Mary Beardwood, the Eng-

land Under-18 coach, will select her squad after trials in Birmingham this weekend. Beardwood and last season's Under-18 party returned from a tour of Malta yesterday. The AENA has done much to promote netball in Maha over the past three years, and the tour embraced coaching as well as competi-

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#### **EQUESTRIANISM**

# Turi and Billington match each other stride for stride

By Jenny MacArthur

BRITAIN'S Joe Turi, on Waysider, and Geoff Billington on Corona, made a rousing start to the Horse of the Year Show when they finished joint winners of the Woodhouse Stakes, the opening international class in the Wembley Arena yesterday.

Both riders finished clear in a time of 30.62sec in the 13horse jump-off - a rare occurrence in show jumping today when the timing is measured to one hundredth of a second. "I remember it happening in Broome on Sponsman and Ann Moore on Psalm." Billington said "but that was when it was timed to a tenth of a second."

Billington had been relieved merely to be competing yester-day. He and Corona arrived back from Denmark late on Wednesday night after competing at the World Cup show

WIGAN and Brisbane Bron-

cos, the mainstays of the Great

Britain and Australian sides.

will meet in a World Club

Challenge match at Central

Park on October 30, six days

after the World Cup final at

Wembley, the Rugby Football

Brisbane, the Winfield Cup

League announced yesterday.

champions, who have fur-

nished Australia with eight of

their 22-man squad, made the initial approach. "You don't shirk challenges like this,"

Jack Robinson, the Wigan

chairman, said. "We're proud

of our world club title and it

will be a tremendous fight to

retain it in front of 30,000

Wigan are twice winners of

the trophy, contested since

1987 by the countries cham-

WINNING a championship

is difficult enough; defending

a title is tougher still, as Slough are likely to find as they pursue their fourth nat-

In the past, other clubs have

looked enviously at the Slough

line-up and their ability to

leave internationals on the

This year the scene has

changed. With the advent of

rolling substitutions, Slough

find themselves with just 12

players for Saturday's game against Ealing. This will rise

to 13 only when Helen

Thornalley regains fitness

Slough's problems are made worse by the limitations

after a long-term calf injury.

bench and still win matches.

ional women's league title.

fans at the ground."

last weekend. Bad weather had held them up at Calais since Monday afternoon.

The seven-year-old mare showed no hint of her troubled crossing yesterday. Turi had gone first on Waysider and produced a fast clear round. Corona. who was still in novice foxhunter classes in January but has won £11,000 since, matched Waysider stride for stride as she galloped nimbly round the seven-fence

John and Michael Whitaker on Henderson Fonda and Henderson Alonso both had a fence down in the opening round. Nick Skelton was one of several who tried to take a stride out going into the final treble in the jump-off but paid the penalty with four faults. Turi, a member of the 1988

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

Wigan face top Australian club

By Christopher Irvine

pion clubs. They defeated Manly Warringah 8-2 in in

1987 and overcame Penrith

Australia, led by Mal

Meninga, tonight play the

first of three warm-up games. against Huddersfield. Most in

the Australian squad will be playing competitively for the first time in more than a

month. Huddersfield, strug-

gling in the second division,

will rely heavily on the form of

two Australians, Jason Law-

rence, the full back, and Rion

In this evening's Stones

Bitter championship game,

there is a fascinating duel at

scrum half between Deryck Fox. of Bradford Northern.

and Kevin Ellis. of Warring-

ton, who are both vying for the

HOCKEY

Slough are lacking strength in depth

BY ALIX RAMSAY

of the second team, which has

been playing in the lower

reaches of the Buckingham-

shire League for the past few seasons. Promising players have had no choice but to

change clubs, some moving to Reading, to find a decent level

By contrast Ealing have

strengthened their side over

the summer. Always a team

that promised much, Ealing

have never made it beyond

mid-table by the end of the

season. This year, with the

introduction of the New Zea-

land international. Trudy Kilkally, and Cathy Dillon

from South Africa, to the

midfield and Rachel O'Bryan

to left defence, they have good

of competition.

Pearce, the prop forward.

21-4 last season.

Olympic team disclosed afterwards that Abbeville, his top grand-prix horse, has been sent to Jan Tops in Holland by his owner, Michael Bullman,

sold. "It's very sad - but without a sponsor we have to

keep going somehow."
Earlier, Duncan Inglis, from Ashdown Forest in Sussex, qualified to compete at the rest of the show after finishing overall winner of the two-part national grade A championship. His win came on the 14year-old Party Time, owned by Joan Bates, the wife of the show organiser.

Inglis, 26, has competed at Wembley for the past ten years but nearly missed qualifying this time. Two weeks ago, Riders (he doubles for several of the actors in the riding sequences) he was rushed to hospital with acute

appendicitis.
"I had almost given up hope of qualifying," Inglis said yesterday. But on Wednesday - feeling "100 per cent" fit again - he and Party Time won the first part of the grade

Great Britain position. Kelly Shelford, from New Zealand,

plays for Warrington after

missing three matches with a

Leeds, who play at Wigan on Sunday, will have their

pack strengthened by the re-turn of Gary Mercer, who broke his jaw against St Hel-

ens in the first game of the

surprise transfer request from

Andy Currier, the former Great Britain centre. "My best

position is centre but I've been

switched to wing this season

and was dropped ater the

Lancashire Cup victory against Carlisle," Currier said.

David Myers will play for Widnes at Castleford on Sun-

day after signing from Wigan.

reasons for self-belief.

dence against teams like Slough," Sue Lawrie, the Ealing captain, said. "Now we've decided we don't want to come off the pitch thinking we played nice hockey but sail

having lost. We believe we can

win, the team works well

together and things are start-

limited number to each

match, working with a 14

instead of 16-strong squad.

"It's going to be expensive to

play this year so we have to

make sure that everyone in the

squad gets a chance or they

will go elsewhere," Lawrie

Ealing. 100, will only take a

ing to happen."

"Before we've lacked confi-

Widnes have received a

A championship. The second part yesterday was won by John Popely on Bluebird but Inglis's sixth place made him the overall winner by a deci-

sive four points.

Michael Bates, the chairman of the British Show Jumping Association, has been elected to succeed Richard Meade as president of the British Equestrian Federation. Bates's election this week came at the expense of Doug-las Bunn, the owner of Hickstead, who had made no secret of his wish to succeed

RESULTS: National grade A championship (first live quality for the Show): 1,
Party Time (D Inglis), 15pts; equal 2,
Sipsaream (K Brown), Wallooth (Fox) and
Ploffer (D McPherson), 11; 5, Bluebird (J
Popely), 10. The Radiol Junior newcomers
championship: 1, LA Flashback; (I, Yeoman), 0 in 29:68; 2, Leaside Easter Treasure
(E Waters), 0 in 40:25; 3, Super Startists (G
Ceirres), 6 in 29:13. The Radiol sentor
newcomers championship: 1, Chinis (M
Wynne), 0 in 32:68ec; 2, Red Chever (C
Famsworth), 0 in 35:09; 3, Sara 11; (M
Orzanswate), 4 in 34:67. The Woodhouts
international states: equal 1, Waysider (J
Turt) and Corone (G Balington), 0 in 30:62,
3, Bownver Queen (J Fisher), 0 in 31:64.

#### ICE HOCKEY

#### **Draw gives** Durham flying start

PAUL Smith, the Durham Wasps coach, is confident that playing the quarter-final round of the European Cup in England will give his side a great advantage. Wasps, who are competing in Europe for the fifth time in seven years. also have the most advantageous draw, playing all their games in the evening.

They meet the champions of Spain (Txuri Urdin) tonight, Romania (Steaua Bucharest) tomorrow and Norway (Valerengen) on Sunday. The top two teams in the group will go through to the semi-final

Durham do not have all the players who helped them to qualify for Europe and they will miss the Cooper brothers, who are now back with Cardiff Devils, but they are well prepared to capitalise on the quarter-final round being played in England for the first

"We have had full scouting reports from some very good European contacts," Smith said. "Inevitably, the Norwegians will be the strongest team and the Romanians will be as disciplined as most east European sides, with a lot of good passing but fairly pre-dictable and lacking bite in front of goal." Durham should overcome the Spaniards.

This weekend also sees the start of the tenth season of the Heineken League. If anyone is likely to cause a surprise in the premier division, it could be Whitley Warriors, while the first division looks to be a three-horse race between Basingstoke Beavers, Ayr Raiders and Sheffield Steelers.

#### THE national tendency will be to have a prolonged moan

after Wales's 43-12 victory over Italy at Cardiff Arms untipped cigarettes. Since Park on Wednesday night. "They could have done so much better." will be the there was no ashtray, he deposited the discarded fagends in an emptied packet monotonous refrain. In fact, if close to his elbow. "Take that bottle," he said. you have developed an ear for you see, humankind is divided according to the way

Wales moan over

the silver lining

these things over the years, Wales, you find, could always have done so much better. New Zealand feel that you never beat Wales, only score more points. For their own followers, the Welsh team can never score enough points no matter who they beat.

As they approach the Eng-and match this season, those supporters will be eternally grateful, with promises of chapel every Sunday, if Wales win by the solitary point. But you can bet your bottom dollar that there would still be tears in the beer afterwards for not having rubbed their noses in it.

There is always something left undone. This dark, unhappy strain is a puzzle. A decade ago, in the BBC studio in the Rue du Faubourg in Paris, an animated debate was broadcast about Wales's collision with France that afternoon. The mood was not one of happy anticipation. Unlike England, for whom the odour of Gitane cigarettes and garlic is not at all intimidating, Wales wince. They encour-

aged no takers. But Carwyn James, either to enliven an otherwise onesided chinwag or to give succour to the many Welsh listeners who hung on his every word, insisted on argu-

ing a different view. Standing on the green baize of the table, across which the microphone craned in the air, a single bottle of water stood. The air hung heavy with pessimism and the smoke from Carwyn's innumerable



#### game had said we would score so many tries and over 40 points I would have been a happy captain," Ieuan Evans said. "I am happy now." There was further evidence

that the back row is becoming a unit. The front row held its own against a much heavier trio. Among the backs, Ste-

phens began shaping up to his responsibilities as tactician as well as a runner. If Hall shored up the defence and often kept the ball alive, his potential as a try-scoring wing, is doubtful. His skills are more suited to centre. Jones, Clement and Gibbs (and Rayer when he came on) are players imbued with traditional Welsh rugby audacity.

Alan Davies, who has already made a significant contribution to resurrecting Welsh rugby, acknowledges that this victory is only a step forward. Before a revival can truly be said to be underway, Wales need to have the confidence a guaranteed supply of lineout possession brings. They do not have it. It continues to haunt the

Wales scored seven tries, through Clement, Evans, Stephens, Gibbs, Davies, Webster and Rayer, who replaced the injured Bidgood. Stephens kicked four conversions. Francescato and Marcello Cuttita scored tries for Italy, Bonomi converting the

#### All Black given a long ban

By David Hands RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Loe, the New Zealand prop forward, was banned for nine months by his union's judicial sub-committee yesterday for eye gouging another All Black, Greg Coo-per, during last weekend's national championship final between Waikato and Otago.

It is the longest suspension in New Zealand's history, though not as long as the year-long ban imposed on Laurentiu Constantin, the Romanian k four years ago wh playing for Biarritz in a club game in France, after he was seen kicking Graham Purvis (also a New Zealander).

The ban begins next April so Loe, 32, a veteran of 37 internationals, will miss the chance to play against the British Isles and the All Blacks tour later in the year to

England and Scotland. Retribution has finally caught up with Loe, who was involved in two specific incidents during New Zealand's tour of Australia this year, in one of which the Australian wing, Paul Carozza, broke his nose. At that time the All Blacks team management refused to take action despite the outcry, a decision they may

now regret. In January 1990 Kevin Moseley, the Welsh lock, was suspended for 32 weeks for stamping while that same season Alain Carminati, the French flanker, received a 30week ban. Both players were sent off in internationals, as were Vincent Moscato and Gregoire Lascube, the French front-row forwards banned for six months last February after playing against England. The Northern Division se lectors have done their national counterparts a favour by picking Ian Hunter on the wing for their game against Wales B at Pontypool next Wednesday; the more experience Hunter, Northampton's full back, receives as a wing the better England will be pleased since his skills are said to be suited to that position at

NORTHERN DIVISION: J Materider (Sele): I Human (Northernoton), B Barley (Waterleid), K Simme (Lherpool Si Haters, capitain), B Bornley (Rugby); P Grayson (Waterloo), D Southy (Waterleid), P Lancaster (West Harriagood), S Mittornia (West Harriagood), M Whittornia (Sale), M Greanwood (Waspa), N Albott (Waterloo), K Westparth (West Harriagood), A Ireland (Waterloo), A MacCarlane (Sale) Replacaments: S Dougtes (Newcaste Goslottin), G Alinscough (Omeil), J Pletcher (Tynedale), S Peters (Waterloo), P Hackatt (Waterloo), S Geflagher (Omeil).

representative level.

#### French selectors pick balanced squad

Toplouse: The French selectors managed to please nearly everyone when they announced the 21-strong squad for the first international against South Africa next week in Lyons (Chris Thau

writes). They retained the backbone of last summer's successful touring squad to Argentina, picking 15 of the players. including the tour captain, Marc Cecilion. The other six chosen for the national squad

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are drawn from the France Espoirs and Aquitaine teams which played in the opening two games of the South Afri-

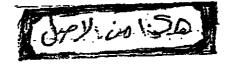
Both the Espoirs centres. Thierry Lacroix and Franck Mesnel, return to the squad, and they are joined by a newcomer, Stephane Graou, a tight-head prop from Auch who could play on either side of the scrum.

Pierre Berbinier, the French coach, thinks that Abdelatif

Benazzi needs time to adjust after an eight-month lay-off because of injury and suspension, and the former captain. Philippe Sella, has not fully recovered from injury.

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FRANCE SCHAD: Backer J.B Lajond (Biglies). J.L. Sadoumy (Colomies). S. Viars (Brive). P. Saint-André (Montiersend). T. Lacrotz (Day). C. Deylaud (Toulouse). F. Meenel (Flacing). A Penaud (Brive). F. Galtinió (Colomies). A Hueber (Toulous Generales (L. Armary (Lourdes). J.M. Gonzales (Beyonne). S. Graou (Auch). P. Galtari (Béziers). C. Destandes (Facing). G. Roumet (Ded). J.M. Cadlau (Toulouse). L. Cabernes (Flacing). J.F. Tortio (Nice). P. Banasima (Aben). M. Cacciton Riourgolia.



Villa get plum draw in Coca-Cola Cup

# Atkinson prepares for reunion with Manchester United

REVENGE is written all over the outstanding tie of the Coca-Cola Cup third round. Aston Villa are at home to Manchester United in a match appropriately described as "the glamour game of the round" by Ron Atkinson, the

While Atkinson is pitted against the club that dismissed him for failing to bring the championship to Old Trafford - twice winning the FA Cup and never finishing outside the top four was not enough -Alex Ferguson, the United manager, could be haunted by Paul McGrath.

Ferguson sold the central defender to Villa for £400,000 in 1939 after conceding defeat in attempts to curb what he saw as the player's off the field excesses. McGrath promptly turned over a new leaf — and started turning in some of the best performances of his career. McGrath was then charged with disrepute and

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fined £8,500 by the Football Association for describing Ferguson as "the luckiest manager on earth" and adding "the job is too big for him to

McGrath will first have to recover from the hamstring injury which has forced him to withdraw from the Republic of Ireland squad to play Denmark in Copenhagen next week in a World Cup qualifier.

The tie promises to be a heavyweight confrontation between contenders for the FA

#### FA awaits report over Millwall incident

MILLWALL are to be report-ed to the Football Association after a coin-throwing incident after also arrested two in a Coca-Cola Cup tie against Arsenal at The Den on Wednesday night (Louise Taylor writes). Police arrested six spectators, ejected a further six and Nigel Winterburn, the Arsenal defender, was struck by a coin thrown from the crowd in the fourth

Winterburn asked the police not to take the matter any further, but that will not influence their decision about whether or not to prosecute or about the prospect of an apparently inevitable FA

The FA will today receive the referee's report detailing the incident, and is expected to initiate a formal enquiry. A police spokesman said yester-"We did not actually catch the person who threw were later found on the pitch season.

other people for making racist one more for drunkeness, plus one man who was attempting to supply Reg Burr, the Miliwall

chairman, said: "Our support-ers have got to be self-policing and prevent people from throwing coins. We can search people for potential missiles at the turnstiles, but you can hardly take people's money from them." Eight policemen spent yes-

terday recovering from the effects of being sprayed with CS gas during another tie between Nottingham Forest and Stockport County at the Gillingham yesterday dis-

Hillyard, his assistant. The

early season pace-seners, Blackburn Rovers and Nor-wich City, meet at Ewood Park - a repeat of last Saturday's League fixture, in which Blackburn won 7-1.

Newcastle United's reward for their first win at Middlesbrough in 28 years was a tie with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. Having had a penalty shoot-out to thank for getting past Millwall in the second round, Arsenal could be forgiven for feeling a quiver of apprehension about the prospect of facing Derby County in the third at the Baseball

Derby's home was the venue for the 7-0 demolition of day night, and Arthur Cox's £10 million plus investment in new players finally appears to be paying dividends.

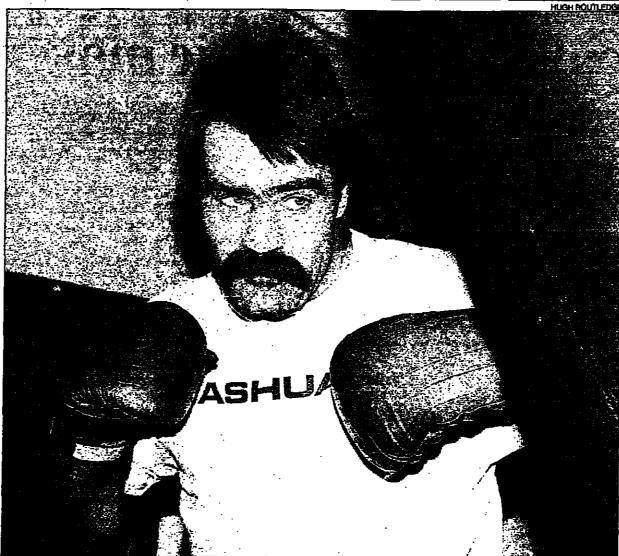
For the last ten years, Crewe Alexandra have always attempted to practise the pass ing game preached by their manager, Dario Gradi. His reward for Wednesday night's undoing of West Ham United is preparing the third division team for a visit from the purists to beat all purists -Brian Clough and Notting ham Forest.

Scarborough's reward for eliminating Coventry with two goals in the last two minutes is less glamorous — an akward looking trip to Plymouth Argue gyle, but Bury — who beat what no first division side has done this season and beat Charlton Athletic at Upton Park on Wednesday — can look forward to shaking up Queens Park Rangers at Gigg

The beauty of the third round — are ties to be played in the week commencing October 26 — is that it is restricted to one leg and more conducive to giant-killing. lan Branfoot, the South-

ampton manager, takes his side to Crystal Palace, the club where he was previously chief coach, while Tottenham Hotspur travel to Maine Road to meet Manchester City.

The Heart of Midlothian been forced to pull out of Scotland's squad for next the coin which hit third division club has won Wednesday's World Cup tie Winterburn, but four coins only once in the League this against Portugal at Ibrox Park



Fighting fit: Coetzer, of South Africa, in training yesterday for his bout with Bruno at Wembley Arena

#### Bruno receives vote of confidence

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

ALAN Toweel, the manager and trainer of Pierre Coetzer, helieves Frank Bruno has a good chance of lifting the world heavyweight title if he can get past Coetzer, the World Boxing Association No. 2, at Wembley Arena on

Toweel, a member of the famous South African boxing family, said in London yesterday: "If Bruno can beat my man, he could win the world title." According to Toweel, Riddick Bowe, who chal-lenges Evander Holyfield on November 13, thought that Coetzer was stronger than the world champion.

"When Bowe beat Pierre. he came to our dressing-room

after the fight and said: 'Man, his defeat by Bowe on low I wasn't expecting you to give such a fight. I know I can beat Holyfield because he is not as strong as you. So if Bruno wins, he's got a good chance. He's got a punch; look at the punch he hit Tyson with."

But Toweel warned that Coetzer, who has a 42-3 record, had not "come all this way for nothing". Nor would he go the way of Bruno's last opponents — John Emmen (who lasted one round) and José Ribalta (two rounds).

"He's fought guys bigger than Bruno, like Mike The Giant White," he said. Coetzer stopped White in the eighth round.

The South African blamed

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You'll find out on the blows. "He hit me low five times and Mills Lane [the

once," he said. Even though Coetzer is No. 2 after Bowe in the rankings, he said he took the bout with Bruno to enhance his chances of getting a world title bout.

referee] warned him only

"When I Holyfield wouldn't fight me,' Coetzer said. "His people told me to fight the eliminator with Bowe. I lost but I am very determined to fight for the world title.

"Bruno is a big name. If I beat Bruno, I'm back with a chance of a world title fight. I have a strategy to beat him.

Toweel added: "Bruno is the most popular heavyweight Holyfield. If we can beat him. we are there. Pierre is very determined to beat Bruno because, after Lewis and Ruddock have had their world title

chance, we'll get ours."

Coetzer, who has been training in Johannesburg for ten weeks, will do only light work every day at the St Pancras ABA gym.

☐ Gary Stretch, the former British light-middleweight champion, yesterday won a High Court declaration freeing him from Frank Warren. the promoter-manager.

CRICKET

#### Lloyd and Hughes to become a team

By Peter Ball

IN RESPONSE to last season's disappointments, Lancashire have revised their appointed a county coach. David Lloyd was appointed yesterday to work in tandem with David Hughes who, as expected, moves up to become manager in place of Alan

Lloyd, like Hughes a former Lancashire captain, is widely respected nationally for his coaching ability. The decision to define clearly the separate functions of team manager Hughes's new title, and coach should help to dispel some of the members' disquiet which surfaced at the sacking of Ormrod in August.

The committee believes that greater emphasis needs to be placed upon coaching at all levels," a spokesman said. In order to do this, Lloyd will work with players individually, and will leave the day to day running of the team to

Hughes. "We'll work one to one, on technique, on mental approach, on skill," Lloyd said yesterday. "The top and bottom of it is that we will work in

Traditionalists will be glad to hear that, but the news that the appointment is part-time, leaving Lloyd free to continue his work as a radio and television analyst, may raise one or two eyebrows.

☐ Melbourne: The Australian Cricket Board (ACB). whose main sponsor is a cigarette company, has heavily penalised Greg Matthews, the Test all-rounder, for taking part in an anti-smoking campaign.

The ACB said yesterday it had fined Matthews a quarter of his 1992 contract, amounting to several thousand Australian dollars. Matthews was pictured in a magazine crushing a packet of cigarettes made by the Benson and Hedges

#### missed Damien Richardson, captain, Alan McLaren, has their manager, and Ron

Chapple offers high praise

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL BY WALTER GAMMIE

manager, was fulsome in his praise of Dagenham and Redbridge after his side was beaten 5-1 in a GM Vauxhall Conference match at the Victoria Ground on Tuesday.

"I got a lot of pleasure out of seeing good players," he said.
"They scored some superb goals and did ever so well. If you get beaten by a side that is superior, you can't have any arguments."

Chapple was furious with Laurence Batty, his outstanding goalkeeper, who was sent off after bitterly arguing that Dagenham's fourth goal, scored by Tony Pamphlett, had not crossed the line.

"He just showered and left when what he should have done was apologised to the team," Chapple said. "He did the same thing at Kidderminster and got away with it. He

do that sort of thing. What the man in black says goes. He'll get banned for three games and I think the club will punish him on top of that."

Woking gave a first appearance to Aidan Murphy, a regular this season with Scarborough. "We're looking for someone to put their foot on the ball, but the game seemed to pass him by, "Chapple said. "We've got this Saturday free

as Merthyr are playing in the Welsh Cup, which is some-thing of a relief. With my two coaches, I've got to take a look. We might have to make one or two adjustments to get things right or bring in some players who can do it."

Kettering Town, who are being run by Pannell, Kerr and Forster, the Birmingham-based administrators, are applying to the High Court on

GEOFF Chapple, the Woking deserved to go, you just cannot Monday for a full administrative order that would transfer the running of the club to a board of directors set up by Jim Lynch, the club chairman.

In a spell as chairman last year, Lynch had negotiated a four-year agreement with the Inland Revenue to pay off a £100,000 debt, but handed over the running of the club to Mark English, under whose brief and unhappy steward-ship the deal lapsed. The club owes about £270,000, which includes £50,000 spent on a new covered enclosure.

Conference sides, Gateshead and Altrincham make trips to Spennymoor United and Colwyn Bay in tricky third qualifying round FA Cup ties tomorrow. Bath City are at home to Weymouth in a match that evokes past glories for the visiting Beazer Homes League side.

Parrott racks up 100 centuries Despite the apparent rift between Ian Doyle and Barry McManus won the fourth

JOHN Parrott arrived at a personal landmark with a 6-3 victory over Alan McManus, of Scotland, in the semi-finals of the Dubai Duty Free Classic at the Al Nasr stadium in Dubai yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Parrotr's run of 101 in the fifth frame made him only the fourth player, after Steve Davis, Stephen Hendry and Jimmy White, to compile 100 century breaks in professional competition.

Parrott led 3-0, but

frame with a 127 break.

McManus missed a simple pink when leading 42-1 in the seventh. Parrott replied with 52 and cleared to pink to lead 5-2. McManus won the eighth on the black, despite a 58 break from the defending champion, and Parrott took the ninth on the black.

Parrott plays Stephen Hendry or James Wattana in today's best-of-17-frame final of the ranking tournament.

**SQUASH RACKETS** 

liards and Snooker Association will ensure the appearance of Doyle's Cuemasters players at the event in December. RESULT: Semi-finat: J Parroti (Eng) bt A McManus (Scot), 6-3. Frame scores (Parroti first): 74-27. 69-57, 51-49, 0-127, 105-18, 17-65, 77-42, 59-60, 55-49

Hearn, the game's leading

managers, it appears that the

expected sanctioning of the

Coalite World Matchplay by the World Professional Bil-

#### Atlantic.

#### Devoy's defence gathers momentum

fought her way past Lisa Opie, of England, 9-5, 9-6, 9-5 in 54 minutes in the third round of the women's world open championship in Vancouver and now faces Robyn Lambourne, of Australia, in

the quarter-finals. "I've never had to fight that

Ossec; 2, Chiappucci, at Ofsec; 3, A Camargo (Col), 22, 4, L Herrera (Col), 32; 5, Luts Gonzalez (Col), 32.

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BOEKELO, Holland: Dutch three-day chemploreship: first day's dressage: 1. Oree de la Brissaeries (J. Bodermuller, Switz), 4812-3. Coeur de Rocker (D Seguret, Fl.), 510; 4, Newmerket (C Collier, US), 528.

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SUSAN Devoy's defence of hard so early in a major her world title has entered a crucial phase (Colin McQuillan writes). Yesterday, she hard so early in a major event," Devoy said. "It's my toughest draw in eight years." Opie, 29, was seeded only ninth for the championship after two troublesome seasons.
"I have never played Susan this early," she said. "I'm playing well again but here I am beaten in the last 16 for the first time."

Martine Le Moignan and Suzanne Horner are still car-

rying the flag for England's old guard in the bottom half of the draw after half-hour wins over the Australians, Sarah FitzGerald and Liz Irving.

RESULTS: Third round: S Devoy (NZ) bt L
Ope (Engl., 9-5, 9-6, 9-5, R Lambourne
(Aus) bt S Mactie (Engl., 9-1, 9-5, 9-1; C
Jeckmen (Engl) bt S Schone (Ges), 9-3, 9-3,
9-3; S Wright (Engl) bt T Myllyniam; (Fin), 9-4, 9-6, 3-9, 9-4; S Homer (Engl) bt L living
(Aus), 9-0, 9-6, 9-5; M Mactin (Aus) bt S
Bradey (Aus), 9-7, 9-5, 9-0; H Wallace (Can)
bt F Geaves (Engl), 9-6, 9-1, 9-5, M Le
Molignan (Engl) bt S FitzGerald (Aus), 9-6, 9-1, 9-1

#### **YACHTING**

#### Group 4 leading new challenge from west

By Barry Pickthall

PAUL Jeffes and his crew on Interspray extended their lead over the rest of the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race fleet yesterday, but stronger winds from the west have sharpened the challenge of those yachts well out in the

The Interspray crew had British Steel II and Heath Insured within sight as they ran past Dakhla, on the Mauritanian coast, but 300 miles west, Group 4 Securitas, skippered by Mike Golding, pulled up two places. John Chittenden's Nuclear Electric has also moved up, despite the continued problems with communications equipment which have starved the crew of crucial weather information.

The biggest loser yesterday was Pride of Teesside Ian MacGillivray and his crew struggled to gain any speed from the light airs 86 miles north of Interspray. At one point yesterday, BT's satellite tracking system showed her

clocking just 1.9 knots, which explained how she slipped from fourth to eight place within 24 hours.

Richard Tudor, the skipper of British Steel II, in second place, nine miles further from Rio than Interspray, reported a minor domestic mishap after discovering that they had left their pastry and bread mixes behind.

Tudor said yesterday that this was no great loss, because it will save their gas supplies. but his crew remain unconvinced, especially after hearing of the efforts of Richard Rollingshaw, the baker sailing aboard Nuclear Electric, who has been busy producing apple pastries, scones and cornish pasties to order.

nish pasties to order.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio de Janeiro! 1. Interspray (P Jeffes), 3:213 miles: 2. British Steel II (F Tudor), 3:222; 3. Group 4 Securtes. (M Golding), 3:241; 4. Heath neured (A Donovan), 3:245; 5. Nuclear Electric (J Chitenoten), 3:255; 8. Hodbrau Lager (P Goest), 3:267; 7. Phone-P-vulerc (J O'Drecut), 3:253; 8. Prote of Teessade (MacGilluray), 3:298; 9. Coopers & Lybrand (V Cheny), 3:302; 10. Commercial Union (W Sutherland), 3:305.

# WEDNESTAYS PEREMETER

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Johnstone 1, Rengers 5.
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Droyleden 2. First division: Attreton 3, Herrogalis 2; Fersley Cettic D, Eridfington Town 2; Greet Harwood 3, Gretina 2; Knowsley Utd 5, Congleton 0; Lancastar Cdy 1, Workington 3; Warrington 3, Cesmarkon 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Barclaye Commercial Services Cup: First Round, first lag: Burnham 2, Braintres Town 2; Centrofuge Cdy 1, Sudbury Town 3; Centerbury Cty 1, Sudbury Town 2; Centrofuge Cdy 1, Sudbury Town 1; Dundor Commercial Section Coldield 2; Gernfram Town 1; Wealdstone 2, Buckingham Town 5; Yate Tewn 1, Biston Town 1.

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Portfield 2. JENSON LEAGUE: Premier division: JENSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Stowmarket Town 0, Herwich and Parkeston 0. WENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE: Woldingham Town 1, Barnet 4. DUTCH LEAGUE: PKC Weshifk 0, PSV Enchoven 3.

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BASEBALL ATLANTA: National Lasgue chemplon-sing series: Alienta Braves 13, Pitisburgh Prates 5 (Alienta lead best-of-seven series 2-0). TORONTO: American Lasgue chemplon-sing series: Osidand Atthelics 4, Toronto Blue Jays 3 (Celdend lead best-of-seven series 1-0). BASKETBALL CANLSBERG LEAGUE: First division: Leicester City Riders 70 (Weldron 22, Harris 18), Trierres Valley Tigers 90 (Obseld 19, HLDoyd 17, CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP, EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP, Second prefinitivery round, second leg-Estudientes (Sp) 75, USK Pregue (Cz) 88.

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#### Hardy goes to hospital

BILLY Hardy went to hospital yesterday morning after becoming the Commonwealth featherweight boxing champion in his home town of Sunderland. Hardy damaged a hand in the fourth round before claiming the vacant title by stopping Rick Rayner, of Australia, in the tenth.

Mickey Duff, the promoter, has offered a purse of £100,000 for a bout between Hardy and John Davison, the British featherweight

McGuigan enters

Motor rallying: Barry McGuigan, the former world featherweight boxing champion, will contest this year's RAC Rally in a Vauxhall Nova.

Sport and television: Bob Burrows, formerly controller of sport for Thames Television. has been appointed ITV's first FOOTBALL 31

**European Cup tie enters final phase** 

# Leeds swamped by a wealth of well-wishers

FROM STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT, IN BARCELONA

LEEDS United will complete their European Cup first round tie against VfB Stutgart here tonight in a Nou Camp that promises to be eerily empty. Yet the English champions will have the invisible backing of a vast array of well-wishers during the controversial third game.

When Howard Wilkinson arrived with his squad yesterday afternoon, he revealed that the club has been inundated with messages of sym-pathy. "There has been considerable nationwide and international goodwill and generosity," the Leeds manag-

The sense of injustice was provoked by the verdict of Uefa, Europe's governing body, which was delivered only after unnecessarily lengthy deliberations. Although Stuttgart conceded that they had breached regulations by choosing four foreignsecond leg at Elland Road, they were offered a merciful

One Italian newspaper, Wil-kinson noted, described Uefa as "the German mafia". Yet the case was unprecedented and Stuttgart's punishment they were ordered to lose the second leg 3-0 by default — was consistent with those im-

# Merson the lone **England doubt**

first two hurdles in the buildup to next Wednesday's World Cup match against Norway relatively unscathed, the Coca-Cola second round matches on Tuesday and Wednesday leaving Graham Taylor with virtually a full complement from his original selection (Peter Ball writes).

The only absentee reported yesterday was Paul Merson, the Arsenal forward, who is remaining at Highbury for treatment to a thigh injury before joining the main party at the weekend.

There is a third hurdle to be overcome when Leeds meet Stuttgart in Barcelona tonight, and Taylor is likely to be watching the television coverage this evening as nervously match could still cost him the services of Dorigo and Batty.

The most satisfying news for him was from Italy and envi-While Lawrie McMenemy, the assistant manager, was watching Paul Gascoigne come successfully through his fourth and longest competitive test to date. playing for 76 minutes in Lazio's 1-1 cup draw with Cesena, Norway were finding San Marino hard work, winning

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REMANNING FIXTURES: Oct 14: Holland v
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by 2-0 against opponents they beat 10-0 at home.

Norway's goalkeeper, Erik Thorstvedt, has asked Tottenham for a transfer after losing

hard for a transfer after losing his first-team place.

NORWAY SOUAD: E Thorstvedt (Tottenham Hospur), O By Rise (Flosenborg); H Berg (Litestrom), S | Blomeby (Rosenborg), F Britiseth (Werder Bernen), A Niksen (Vilong Stavenger), T Pederson (EK Gothenburg), G Halle (Oldhem Abletc), K Ingebrigtsen (Plosenborg), J 1 Jakobsen (Young Boys BSC), O Leonhardsen (Rosenborg), E Mykland (Surf), K Rekdel (Llerse), T A Dishlum (Rosenborg), J Ho (Sogndel), G Sorloth (Rosenborg), J Fo (Sogndel), G Sorloth (Rosenborg).

broken other rules in the past.
Unhappily for Uefa,
another fixture had to be
staged because Stuttgart won
the first leg by precisely the
same margin. Leeds, instead of maintaining their own unblemished dignity by accept-ing their fate, did not help their cause by subsequently insisting that they should act as the hosts for the third game. Wilkinson and his players still feel they have been treated less than fairly. Throughout the needless confusion at the beginning of the week, they did not know whether they should be preparing for a comparatively trivial Coca-Cola Cup tie against Scunthorpe United or potentially

concentrate the minds of his squad now that the unsatisfactory matter is about to be resolved. "The players will be up for it," he said. "It won't be difficult to motivate them. They remember what they experienced last Wednesday.

the biggest and strangest occa-

Then, they were defeated 4-1 but the emotions of the apparently glorious failure were transformed overnight. "We were resigned to losing on the away goals rule," Wilkinson recalled. "I told the players you can have regrets in the morning but no complaints. When they did wake up, they found that somebody else had broken the rules. were annoyed about

Nevertheless, Leeds must hide their grievances and con-trol their aggression tonight. Another display of defensive naivity and recklessness, as in the Neckar Stadium three adventure, as had to be the approach a fortnight later, will cost them a place in the second round against Rangers.

Familiarity will probably breed caution, anyway, but Leeds will have to tighten a defence that has kept only two clean sheets in 15 games this season. In particular, Walter, the leading scorer in the German league last season, and Kogl, an international winger, need to be closely

Leeds demonstrated in their own home that they have sufficient power in their frontline to dismantle Stuttgart. Wilkinson is considering recalling Rod Wallace, who has been absent for a month. but is expected to keep the diminutive forward in reserve and rely on an unchanged

line-up. Stuttgart, beaten 4-0 at the weekend, are also likely be to unaltered. Not that arryone here cares a jot. Although some 9,000 supporters are thought to be travelling from Germany, and perhaps a thousand from Yorkshire. only a few thousand tickets had been sold vesterday at a stadium that holds 120,000

The atmosphere will therefore be cold, and potentially frosty between the teams, but at least a solution is finally at hand. Wilkinson said: "The nice thing about being a player is that, on the pitch, there are no political decisions and no committees. Sport is a



# Norman digs deep on last

OF ALL the shots Greg Norman hit yesterday — and there conceded putt, 140 of them he saved the best until almost the last. It had a hint of genius about it, and it gave him the narrowest of victories over

Brad Faxon. The stroke that really mattered was a long bunker shot, that most demanding combination of blacksmith power and artist subtlety. It came on the 36th hole, at the climax of a match that had been good in parts and awful in others, with all the shades of grey in between, but had never failed to grip the attention.

After the charismatic Australian had let loose a blaze of mediocrity in the middle of the second round to allow a threehole lead slip away, he had moved in front again at the 35th, but put himself in trouble on the last when he hit his second shot into greenside sand. He had fallen, literally.

into the trap. His American opponent had played the hole like a good professional should, with Norman produce a late

touch of class at Wentworth

the possible caveat that he left his second shot about 60 feet short on the long, narrow green. Nonetheless, a par five was a certainty, a birdie four still on. Norman, outwardly calm but without much doubt boiling inside, was suddenly facing extra time. It was the moment, if ever

there was one, for a touch of class, the diamond, not the He produced it. superbly.

He was 48 yards from the pin, which was positioned well back on the green. A sepulchral calm settled over the gallery as Norman ground his feet into the sand, swung slow and full, and splashed the ball out to less than four feet. The

Mel Webb watches Greg dash of styles and personalities, Norman brilliant, merworkmanlike, steady and undertaker-pale. For a long time in mid-afternoon it looked possible that the stone might blunt the sword.

Norman, one up at lunch, was three up after five holes in the afternoon, Before long, it had all gone wrong. Reduced to three-quarter power by a stiff neck. Norman lost not only length but direction as he fell victim to a fearsome push to the right which put the ball among the crowd on five holes out of seven.

He bogeyed the 9th, 10th and lith, and by the 12th Faxon was one up, only for Norman to repair his tattered swing and level the match from five feet on the 17th after a delicious little chip from the rough on the left.

But all that was so much window-dressing compared with the dramatics on the last. O'Meara will be wary of an old friend

BY MITCHELL PLATES GOLF CORRESPONDENT

MARK O'Meara will meet Nick Faldo in the Toyota World Match Play Champ-ionship today after surviving an eventful first-round contest with Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden. O'Meara, 35, held his nerve to win at the 37th hole, where he coaxed home a putt of three feet.

O'Meara will find the march against the No. 1 play-er in the world more meaning-ful than most, because he ayed a role in convincing Faldo to remodel his swing. "Nick and I spent some time talking about the swing when he was playing regularly on the US Tour in 1983 and 1984," O'Meara said.

"We discussed the plane of the swing, angles, and all those things. He, of course, went to work with David Leadbetter, and David has told me that our chats about the swing encouraged Nick to want to change his own.

"I wouldn't want to take any credit. But I would say that I appreciate Nick is the best player in the world today. He has earned it because he not only had to make physical changes, but mental ones as well which has meant that to become No. 1 he couldn't be as friendly as he was. Nick goes about his business, but there has been a penalty to

O'Meara has won eight times on the US Tour, and also travels well. He has won in Australia, England and, only last week, in Japan, and he gave evidence of his desire to win at Wentworth by ending the resistance of Forsbrand. Their contest was a classic matchplay affair with 23 holes being exchanged, including seven of the last eight, before O'Meara won at the 37th.

Forsbrand, two down after the 10th, won the 11th with a putt of 24 feet and the 12th where he holed from 35 feet for an eagle. They were still all square at lunch, but O'Meara, who had won the 1st hole with a birdie in the morning, did so again, holing from 15 feet Forsbrand rallied, twice gaining a one-hole advantage, but he went behind at the 11th where O'Meara hit a nineiron to 16 feet for a winning

Forsbrand is a prodigious striker of the ball, but O'Meara had taken stock of that by the time they were coming down the home stretch. He felt it was to his advantage to be the first to hit his approach shots, although the match might have swung either way before they finally shook hands late on a sunlit afternoon. O'Meara looked at his watch and mused that another 9 to 5 day was over. He will need three more equally successful days in the office if he is to become the first American to win the title since Bill Rogers in 1979. Jeff Sluman, another Amer-

Second round draw S Battestaros (Sp) v J Sturnan (US) J-M Otazábat (Sp) v I Woosnam (Wales) N Price (Zim) v G Norman (Aus) N Faido (Eng) v M O'Meara (US)

Singh, of Fiji, 4 and 3 and he will now play Severiano Ballesteros, the defending champion. "I don't think Seve will lose any sleep about playing me." Shuman said. Greg Norman, of Australia. put out Faxon on the 36th green and his reward is to play Nick Price, of Zimababwe, who won the US PGA

Championship in August.
Singh did not play to the
best of his ability. He did not
look comfortable with the driver in his hands and that is a handicap enough when the West course is playing to its full length. Sluman was five under par and three up after the morning and Singh could find no way back.

Norman was compelled to throttle back because of a painful neck injury and he was grateful to get the chequered flag. Faxon, three down with holes to play, clawed his way back but Norman won the 17th with a birdie to be one up again. He will count the shot of 48 yards he played from the front bunker to less than four feet from the hole at the 18th as one of the best of his career.

to get out of first gear, as he will most probably need to do against José Maria Olazábal today, in order to beat Norio Suzuki, of Japan, 8 and 6. Suzuki, 40, has not won since 1984, and the man from the Sony Rankings said he is not on the computer. Suzuki, of course, was the token Japanese golfer but his presence devalues the World Match Play Championship. The sponsors, one presumes, were able to purchase an Apex ticket as no Japanese golfer has won a first-round match since 1986.

Ian Woosnam did not have

Russell Claydon, of England, and Bill Malley, of the United States, shared the firstround lead in the Honda Open in Hamburg yesterday with rounds of 68. Sandy Lyle



O'Meara: held nerve

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#### crowd went potty. The birdie Norman admitted that it had not always been pretty to putt was a formality, the match won by one hole. watch. He was right. Almost to ican, also survived but his The rest of the match was a the very end, he was right. compatriot, Brad Faxon, de-

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# Salford shy away from saucy shirt sponsorship

By Christopher Irvine

WHAT price the family image of rugby league? More than I million, anyway. Salford, the first division

club, turned down that amount when officials decided they could not accept a shirt sponsorship offer from a hard-core pornography chan-nel based in Holland. Had they succumbed to temptation, the "Red Devils", as they are known, would have become the "Red Hot Dutch".

Board meetings at Salford, normally resigned to the mundane rubbing together of brass farthings, have rarely been so heated since the approach was first made last Once it had been established that the offer was genuine, arguments raged between those willing to sup with the devil and those who could not countenance the minds of supporters on the terraces straying to less savoury action than that taking place on the pitch.

The offer could not have arrived at a more opportune moment for the club. ESAB. the welding company that supports the club, is in the final months of a £225,000 three-year sponsorship deal. The carrot dangled before

Salford by Continental TV. the pomography station, represented one of the richest deals in rugby league — a sport not usually associated with the biggest of fortunes. Continental TV, which is



moving its headquarters from Manchester to the World Trade Centre at Salford Quays, wanted the team to carry the name of its Hollandbased channel on its shirts over three years.

David Tarry, the club's chief executive, said: "Goodness knows, we need the

money. But it's like the devil himself wanting to make a pact. We like to think of ourselves as devilish and hot but maybe not quite that hot." Salford's nickname derives, entirely innocently, from a period of pre-eminence in the 1930s when they carned the title "Les Diables Rouges" on

a trailblazing tour of France. The Red Devils have had cause to blanch once before at the prospect of their name being linked to a product, also considered unsuitable by the

club's directors of the day. them 22 years ago, with a then record £15,000 deal for promotion of its condoms, the board considered the matter carefully before declining.

In the more enlightened

When Durex approached

each match for free. "We're not so hard up that we have to subject children

age of today, Tarry said the prudish voices had got it wrong and he hoped the club

would not have later reason to

regret its latest decision.
"I personally don't reckon

so, although £1 million is

extremely difficult to turn

down immediately, as the

rows about it have shown," he

said. "At the end of the day,

though, we have 1,200 junior

Red Devils who we allow in at

and their families who come along to a rugby match to pushing pornography."
In a sport where financial support of clubs derives from

the backing from a porno-

a variety of sources, including

months it has been operating. has not given up its search for an alternative sport to sponsor. "It's thinking of one that's more appropriate to the product," Garner said. brewers and the coal industry,

Wigan's challenge, page 30

graphic satellite station might

have seemed inappropriate. Even Mark Garner, Conti-

nental TV's executive consul-

tant, said: "A number of us

here support Salford and our

backers in Europe thought it

would be a good idea in terms

of subliminal advertising.

Having the words 'Red Hot

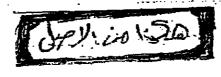
Dutch on players' shirts is.

though, probably not quite

the image rugby is about."
Continental TV, which has

attracted 15,000 subscribers

to its service in the eight





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#### Soap with no **bubble**

Boredom is a new American

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A hannel-grazing on New York cable television, you come across some mind-numbing dross, but nothing prepares you for this. One of the public access channels must be allowing people to show their home videos, bringing new resonance to the word boredom. For a whole half hour, all that happens is a skinny girl fights with her father, and then arrives in an apartment full of other badly dressed youths in Manhattan, where they discuss how amazing the furniture is. The carneraman clearly has delirium tremens. The cast is spaced out.

Welcome to the first episode of MTV's new real-life soap opera, premiering tomorrow in Britain. As with most dross. The Real World is compelling in its banality, so long as you have the remote control close to hand for its longueurs.

MTV, the 24-hour pop music cable and satellite channel, was too short of cash to make a fictional soap opera about young people and could not find any scriptwriters who were accomplished but still young enough to know what "Don't diss me. man" means ("diss" being disrespect). The solution was to select seven young people aged from 19 to 25, wire them up with microphones, send



Camera fodder: the cast of The Real World

Manhattan loft for three months, and film their every waking — and sometimes sleeping — moment.

The cinema-vérité approach has succeeded before. In 1974, for example, the BBC put a camera inside the home of the Wilkins family of Reading, with compulsive results. The Real World is not quite in that league.

For a start, this is not your average bunch of American kids. The loft occupants are all artistes. Kevin, the oldest, is a "poet and journalist", also working on a novel entitled The Diary of a Boy-Man: Heather B (her full name) is an aspiring rap singer: Becky is a moroant singer-songwriter. Andre is a long-haired guitarist; Eric is a model; Norm is a bisexual designer of Astroturf hats: and Julie, the voungest, is an aspiring dancer from small-town Alabama. Two are black; all are egocentric to the point of nausea.

A soundtrack of Guns N' Roses, INXS and worse, lurching camera angles and swift cuis accompany the dialogue, much of which concerns who has stolen what from the fridge. The best bits are when the crew, ever-present in their own control room, catch latenight arguments which sometimes end as screaming matches in the street.

Sadly, the only in-loft affair was an off-limits one between one of the girls and a crew member, who had to leave. Julie and Eric do, however, start a sort of flirtation. She lets him eat her spaghetti. He goes to her hip-hop class. But when she climbs into his bed one morning, he complains about it at breakfast. Casablanca

KATE MUIR ■ The Real World opens on MTV

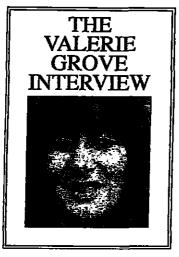
# An interlude from Provence

Peter Mayle is back in London - and he is happy to be saying only a temporary bonjour

build a high-rise hotel or open a fish-andchippie on the slopes of the Luberon? No. He only did what many would like to do. He wrote a modest little book — like Mr Pooter and R.M. Delafield's Provincial Lady — describing a year in his own life. the year he settled near Ménerbes, in Provence.

Nobody expected it to sell, least of all him. The publisher gave him an advance of £3,000 and printed 3,000 copies; he thought he'd be giving remaindered copies to his friends for Christmas. At his small publication lunch in London there were no journalists, no interviews.

Then, month by month, it was serialised in the Sunday Times magazine - "like being given millions of pounds of advertising - and off the book went. The publishers kept running out of copies. "They would ring up and say 'We're having to reprint again,'
in a rather peevish tone."



Now he is spoken of as if he set out on a solo mission to ruin an area nobody knew about, as if he had been the first to sing its praises, as if he knew it would sell in millions. With hindsight, the timing was the key. It was 1989, just when anyone with any spare loot tried to buy a cheapo house in France. (There was a Private Eye cartoon this week captioned: Thank you for not mentioning your farm-house in France.")

It is sickening, snobbish resentment, if I may say so after a summer of rampant Francophilia in these pages, that those who did manage to buy an old barn for a few thousand francs and enjoy long summer idyils among the vines and pines, now hope that their corner of Provence, or the Lot-et-Garonne, or the Auvergne, will be kept a secret from everybody else. That is, au fond, what irks them about Mayie.

He came to London this week to launch a new illustrated edition of A Year in Provence, with watercolours by Paul Hogarth, who brings all the local characters of Mayle's books, with their shrugs and Gauloises and baguettes and boules, convincingly to life. We sat in the Ritz, elbow to elbow.

hemmed in by the jabbering crowds taking tea. Like all expats he hears that Britain is in penury, but here are prosperous Brits with plates heaped with cream-filled scones and a lady playing the harp while the ship ("What recession?") goes

He is a slight, neat, hesitant figure, dismayed by the "deepening fissures" in his face, whom adverse comments have made defensive. Contrary to recent stories, Mayle is not saying adieu to Provence. He has not been driven out.

He is absolutely not moving to California, where he was spotted this summer on a two-week holiday: he could never live in that smoke-free zone. A hotel he stayed at had a rule that if any guest was found to have smoked in a bedroom, he would be charged for an

Hacks, sent down to Provence by their newspapers to do stories about anti-Mayle feelings among the expats, are received with impeccable if weary courtesy by Mayle, who knows they will call on two British writers, Paul Eddy and Jeffrey Kime (self-styled Anti-Mayle Mafia) "for a couple of snotty quotes. They have such a proprietorial attitude about the place, as if residence for ten or fifteen years qualifies them to decide who can come here. They're just glorified tourists, as I'm a glorified tourist... but it's big enough for us never to meet. They say I 'take no part in local village life'. What do they

want me to do, run for mayor? Eddy says I've only been in the village once in 18 months: is he crouched by the roadside, I wonder, counting the times I go in and out of Ménerbes? The truth is, we live outside the village, and I stay in the house a great deal. I walk a lot. I



shop in Cavaillon rather than Ménerbes because the bakery in Ménerbes works rather spasmodic hours. I notice there's always a glaring absence of French com-

The hacks find that the locals hardly know who Mayle is: the book is not published in French. But they find the originals, like Georges the Le Pen-supporting café proprietor, and Thierry

Fructus, and Pierrot the mason . . . To me, Mayle will always be the author of a masterpiece of its genre. I refer, of course, to Where Did I Come From? his facts-of-life book for inquisitive children, which has been seiling steadily for 20 years (far outstripping his *Provence* sales) in 17 languages, with cartoon illustrations of a plain, plump

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> couple (more appealing than the writhing pair in The Joy of Sex). It is funny and factual: the way to pronounce "penis" is "like peanuts without the t", and, "Making love is like skipping. You can't do it all day long." It was that, and the Wicked Willie books (with Gray Jolliffe) that followed, that financed the move from Somerset to

Mayle's fine writing skills were honed by David Ogilvy, the now octogenarian guru of the advertising world. "He was a fair, but fairly severe, teacher. He liked concise prose: give us the facts and get on with it. Quack quack, he would write on your copy in red pen. Too long.' Especially any well-turned phrase you'd been labouring over the whole weekend. 'Quack quack. Belles-lettres. Omit.

When he left Brighton College, the youngest son of a globe-trotting Colonial Office man, Mayle was "too stupid to realise that at university I would have learnt a lot more. I got married too young. I took too many chances." Still, he flourished in advertising, a business for egomaniacs, as he says is plain from the names of agencies ("Try saying Still Price Twivy Court D'Souza Lintas.") His career was

CashBuilder rate. Nationwide is a member of the Building Societies Ombudsmen Scheme, Inve-

meteoric enough to be featured in Jonathan Aitken's 1967 book, The Young Meteors, when Mayle had longish sideburns and Buddy Holly glasses. He invented the Way-In at Harrods. But his most famous slogan was "Nice one, Cyril", a chance remark added at the end of and flop." a day's shoot on a Wonderloaf ad. 'So whenever Cyril Knowles scored for Spurs the crowd sang 'Nice one

the product. What is known as a 'vampire daim'." He also wrote, while in America, the "Come to Britain" adverts. extolling the delights of thatched cottages and quaint pubs with mine hosts, and country lanes. Is this the due to his approach to the rustic

Cyril' — a tremendous triumph for advertising except everyone knew

the line but nobody remembered

which he celebrates in such lyrical terms? "I have a romantic feeling for Provence. I wrote what was true for me. I love the whole business of living there and living as the French do. It is a true reflection of my feelings for that part of the world, a very personal point of view about a place that suits me, and I am still very enthusiastic about it." With his first wife he

had three sons. The el-

dest. now 31, finds his

artisans in rural France

father's life so appealing he has just written his own picaresque book titled Bum Jobs, after a decade of doing bum jobs around the world. The second marriage produced two daughters. With Jennie ("the love of my life" who has the voice of Goldie Hawn) he has two dogs — including the rough-haired French pointer. Boy. one of the world's most photo-

graphed dogs.

Their days are quiet. He walks the dogs. He writes at an elegant desk made of a single slab of stone, works in the garden, eats once a day, usually dinner ("I adore lunch but don't like to get up until three good hours have elapsed"), writes again in the evening. Hotel Pastis, a comic novel, comes out next June. It's about an advertising man who leaves London and buys an old gendarmerie in Provence and turns into a small luxury hotel.

It is a soothing, uneventful existence. Only the summer visitors, with their sealed wallets and prodigious appetites and late-sleeping habits, disrupt the pattern. "We always say, 'Oh God, never again', at the end of the summer." Mayle's fellow expats compiled The Savings of Visitors: "You've run out of vodka." "Let me know much those phone-calls to Los Angeles were."
"I feel terrible watching you slave away like that." "You've run out of whisky." What amazes him is the helplessness that comes over people who, in their everyday life, run businesses and offices and homes and children, but who arrive and say: "It's so wonderful to be here

"And that's what they do: they flop. They say, 'We know you love cooking, so we won't interfere.' One really wants them to go off in the car for the day. But we'd miss them if they didn't come." At book signings, people sidle up

to him conspiratorially and show him photographs. "This is my little place in the Dordogne. Having a great deal of trouble with my septic tank ... Mayle wrote candidly of the delays and frustrations of having a house done up: builders deposit a cement-mixer on-site and then vanish: the plasterer goes off skiing, the carpenter severs a finger, the mason breaks his arm playing football on a motorbike. But, as he says, at least in the Mediterranean climate you can live in a house with no windows and half a roof. Having houses done up is the same story everywhere, from Clapham to the Côte d'Azur, but a book called Toujours Clapham might not have the same allure.

y the time A Year in Provence came out in paperback, the boum had begun and Provence was going to be "the California of Europe" by 1992. In Toujours Provence. Mayle reported that the Lubéron had been featured in American Vogue, the village of Gordes had a carpark, luxury villas with alarm systems, tennis courts, boutiques selling T-shirts, and fast

Next February millions more will be inspired to discover Provence when his two books are televised in parts, with John Thaw playing the part of Mayle. They have been filming around Ménerbes this summer, sans Mayle: "Nothing worse than having the bloody author hanging round on the set."

Locals may fear mass invasions, but there is not much for the masses there: no theme parks as yet. Local building restrictions and national park regulations are stringent enough to protect the area from going the way of the Côte d'Azur. 'It's attractive to the sort of people who go there for the scenery and decent food and peace and quiet." As for finding houses to do up. even he can't find one: he would

like a house further up the hill with a bit more land (and a separate wing for guests) because he likes fiddling around with houses and gets itchy feet once a home is restored to perfection. But the crazy French law allows houses to hang around and not while generations

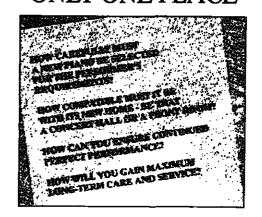
squabble. "Five of the children want to sell but the sixth won't, because the price is wrong, or they want to keep it for their children, or they've got indigestion ... so the house falls into ruin."

What people really can't forgive is that he did it: left the pallid grey northern winters, and got rich by doing what anyone thinks they could do if they had an idle moment in the sun. They might smile to know his gravel drive was

washed away in the September storms. He says he still fears 'lingering poverty" and feels "a growing misanthropy". Hardly surprising. He should use, to his detractors, that useful French phrase, "Je m'en foute."

● The illustrated A Year in Provence, with watercolours by Paul Hogarth, is published by Hamish Hamilton, E20. An exhibition of the original paintings is at the Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, W1 until October 29.

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PORGY AND BESS: Trevor Numi's magnificent 1986 Glyndebourne production of Gershwar's opera arrives at Covent Garden with its outstand cast pretty much intact. Wilard White as Porgy, Cynthia Haymon as Bess and Damon Evans as Sportin' Life repeat

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066), tonight, 7pm. RADIO TIMES: Tony Slattery as a vartime radio star whose show is heading for disaster. New musical built around Noel Gay's songs such as "Run Rabbit Run" and "Hey, Little Hen". Queen's, Shattesbury Avenue, W1 (071-495 5040). Previews tonight, 7.30pm, comorrow, 8cm, ma tomorrow, 4.30pm; opens Thurs, 7pm

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC: The young maestro Carlo Rezi shows off his talents with the London Philharmonic this weekend. Tonight he conducts peece by Rimsky-Korsakov (Capriccio Espagnol), Schumenn (Piano Concerto), Ravel (Mother Goose Suite) and Resoloh (The Plant of Record). lespigh. (The Pines of Ro Sunday morning the Rimsky-Korsakov and Ravel is repeated together with the Duo Concertante for clarinet and harp by R. Strauss (with soloists Robert Hill and John Price). Festival Hell, South Bank, SE1 (071-638 8891), tonight, 7.30pm, Sun.

BERNARD D'ASCOLI: The talented French planist plays Debussy's Préludes (Book 1), Schubert's Sonata in Ciminor, Chopm's Noctume in D flat and Scherzo No 1 in 8 mmor. Queen Elizabeth Half, South Bank,

THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA: Omah Stabb plays the grim mother in Katie Mitchell's production of Lorca's Matthew Banks.

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COLOUHOUN AND MACERYDE: CONTRAINED AND MACERYDE: Sometimes withy but hollow study of two Fitzrovian painties who drank heavily and are now forgotien. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 150mins

C DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: And C) DEATH AND THE MADDER: And Oorlman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downie. Darmy Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Sprn, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mirs.

FROM A JACK TO A KING: Wit and stylich version of Macbeth's dimb i the top, set in the world of rock bands and packed with Stoties song. Ambassadors, West Street, London WCZ (071-836 5111), Mon-Thurs,

8.15pm, Fri and Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm, 120mms. ☐ GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley

Semimental, American, entertaining, Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9562). Mon-5at, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 120mins. AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's astorishingly powerful resurrection of Priestley's drama of

resolute to the resolute of the second responsibility.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. I IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in

the hospital common norm; marron outraged; doctors flummoxed. Ray Cooney fance with lots of laughs. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Fr., 8pm. Sat, 8.30pm, mat Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm, 135mins. ☐ MURDER BY MISADVENTURE:

Gerald Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who fall out and pit their wicked wits against each other: run-ofthe-mil thriller. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867)

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AS YOU LIKE I (07, MODERNOTORS) Shakespeare tukly staged and hadfly acted. With Andrew Tiernan, Emma Croft, director, Christine Edzard. Barbican (071-638 8891) MIGM Chelsea (071-632 8993) MIGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636

◆ BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U)

Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

Sumptuous Disney cartoon fairy-tale, blessed with skilled animation and

attractive songs that might have sprung from a Broadway musical. Directors, Gary Trousdale, kirk Wise. Cannden Parkway (071-267 7034) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574) UCI Wistralows (071-782 3337)

BLUE ICE (15): Michael Caine's forme

M86 agent plunges into a pool of corpses and intrigue. Tired hokum. With Sean Young: director, Russell Mulcahy. MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636)

nham Court Re

636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434

OTHELLO (U): Orson Welles's dynamic version of Shakespeare's tragedy, first seen in 1952, now restored Welles as Othello; Michell MacLammor as lagoisee feature, right!.

Curzon West End (071-439 4805).

SPOTSWOOD (15): Gentle, pleasing Australian comedy, with Anthony Hopkins as an efficiency expert battling with an outdated moccasin factory.

Director, Mark Joffe. Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999).

◆ WHITE MEN CAN'T JUMP (15):

NEW RELEASES

#### **WEEKEND EVENTS**

A daily guide to arts compiled by Karl Knight

#### <u>regional</u>

TOSCA: The distinguished theatre director Michael Blakemore makes his operatic debut with Welsh National Opera's new production of Puccini's melodrama. American soprano Marior Vernette Moore sings the title role; Itakan tenor Maurzio Saltarin a Cavaradossi — both singers are malong their debut with the company, Scarpia is Peter Sidhom, Carlo Rizzi conducts. Cardiff, New Theatre, Park Place (0.222 394844), Iomorrow, 7.15pm.

THE MARRIAGE OF FIGARD: Amanda Holden, responsible for some of the wittest and most successful English renderings of Mozari poeras, has provided a new translation for this Opera North staging, which is directed by Caroline Gawn and designed by Allson Chitty. Conductor Andrew Parrott Autour Charly, Completter Andrew Parror makes his debut with the company. The cast includes Gerald Finley as Figaro, Jan Lesike MacKenzie and Robert Hayward as the Almarivas, Linda Kitchen as Susanna, and Ann Taylor-Morley as Charubino. Leads, Grand Thestre, 46 New Rhomate Leads, Grand Thestre, 46 New Rhomate

Cherubino. Leeds, Grand Theatre, 46 New Briggate (0532 459351/440971), comorcow, Tues, Thurs, 7.15pm. CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL OF LITERATURE: This year's festival offers an outstanding lineup of novelists, an outstanding lineup of novelsts, biographers and poets giving readings and discussions on a diverse range of subjects. The annual Chelpenham lecture is given by Peter Adroyd on "The Englishness of the English Language" and the festival is opened by Anthony Burgess who will deliver an inaugural European lecture. There is also a programme for chaldren. Cheltenham, Town Hall, Imperial Square (0242 523690), opens today until October 18.

#### THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London House full, returns only Some seats available

1119). Mon-Fri, Sprii, Sat, 8,30pm, mats Wed, 2,30pm, Sat, 5,30pm. 120mins.

THE PHEADELPHIA, HERE I COME! Inan Fnel's affectionate comedy of an irish emigrant and his carping after ego. A revisal to be cherished. Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WCZ (071-867 1116), Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sar, 8 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sar, Som. 140mins

N PYGMALION: Alan Howard, Frances Barber in a Howard Davies production that some admire greatly while others feel subordinates the text to a clever

design. National (Olivier), South Bank, SET (071-928 2252). Tonight, autorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 195mirs. SHADES: Patricia Hodge takes over the role of brave widow in Sharman Macdonald's bitter-sweet drama.
Touching moments but delivers less than

Alberry, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins. SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION:

Stockard Channing as the rich New Yorker transfigured by a black con arost in John Guare's fine play on human interdependence. Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Wed, Spm. Sat. 4pm. 90mins.

El SOMEONE WHO'LL WATCH OVER ME: Excellent playing by Alec McCowen, James McDaniel and Stephen Rea as

**CINEMA GUIDE** 

films in London and (where indicated with the symbol •) on release across the country

basketball con artists in Los Angeles. Fresh, furny Americana from writer-director Ron Shelton. With Rosie Perez. Camden Parkway (071-257 7034) MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) MGM Oxford Street (071-636 0310) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeon Kensington (0426 9146666) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

LES AMANTS DU PONT NEUF (18):

Leos Caraz's hymn to Pans and a punk burn's love for a young arest going blind. Terrific in spurts, and a real movie movie. Dens Lavant, Jufiette Binoche. Lazalère (071-836 0691).

BITTER MOON (18): Sexual games on an ocean kiner. Preposterous, turgid escapade from Roman Polanski. Chelsea (071-351 3742/3743) Gate

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Patrick Swayze rediscovers his calling in Calcutta's sums. Strong on atmosphere; weaker on character and plot. Director, Roland Joffé. Barbáson (17)

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Beirut hostages in Frank McGuinness's Bertif nostages in Frank Instantant play, Directed by Robin Lefevre, Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987), Mon-Sat, Spm, mats, Wed,

ballads she tries her hand at some highly danceable grooves on her current album, the estimable Square the Circle. She remains an unflastry performer who dominates an audience with the stark emotion of her music rather than by force of personality. A second full-scale UK tour begins tonight. Doncaster, Dome Complex (0302 370999), brnight, 7-30pm. York, Barbican (0304 656688), tomorrow, 7-30pm. Preston (Lancashire), Guildhalf (0772 5888), 7-30pm.

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHT ENMENT; The orchestra Continues its Arts Council-sporsored

Monica Huggett) and two works by Schubert the overture. Die vierlahrige Poster and Symphony No 4, Sir Charles Mackerras conducts, Tomorrow the same programme can be heard in Oxford, Further performances in

Norvech, York, Liverpool and London. Birmingham, Town Hall, Victoria Square (021-236 3889), tonight, 7.30pm. Oxford, Sheldonian Theatre,

Broad Street (0865 864056), tomorrow

DAVE BRUBECK: Forever associated with the classic. "Take Five", the sophisticated jazz planist and composer appears with its quartet. Birmingham, Town Hall (021-236 2392), tomorrow, Spm. Manchesster, Free Trade Hall (061-236 7110), Sun, Spm.

NAPPY MONDAYS: The party's over for the Mancunian rabble rousers with their latest album, ... 'ves Please!, showing singer-songwreer Shaun Ryder in a more sombre, contemplative mood. With line support from funky rappers Stereo M.C.'s.
Leicester, De Montfort Hall (0533
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544444), tomorrow, 7pm. Manchest Free Trade Half (961-236 7110), Sun,

JOAN ARMATRADING: The singer has JOAN ALBANATRACHING: The singler has forged a 20-year career out of stongs dwelling almost exclusively on the constantly crumbing foundations of love. But along with the usual quota of ballacts she tries her hand at some highly

I THE STREET OF CROCODRESS Theatre de Complicité presents the nightmare world of Bruno Schulz. Amazing effects, bewildering storyline. National (Cottesion), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252), Tonight, tomorro 7,30pm, mat tomorrow, 2,30pm. 105mins.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE Philip Provice's triumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous anstocrat in Wilde's social melodrama Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mms.

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GAS FOOD LODGING (15): Emotic

lives of a waitress and two daughters in New Mexico. Good-looking, well acted Fairuza Balk, Brooke Adams, lone Skye;

Metro (071-437 0757) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) Renoir (071-837

MIST LIKE A WOMAN (15): Julie

JUST LIKE A WOMAN (19): LINE
Walters falls for her transvestite lodger
Prosaic romantic comedy. With Adrian
Pasdar; director, Christopher Monger.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666)
West End (0426 915574).

ULITH (18): Occupational therapist Warren Beatry falls for Jean Seberg's mental patient. Splendid revival of Robert Rossen's singular and beautiful

SWOOM (18): The Leopoid and Loeb

SWCOM (181: The Leopolo and Loos murder case, explored from a gay perspective. Highly seductive and stimulating first feature by American video artist Tom Kalin. Mistro (071-437 0757).

UNFORGIVEN (15): Clint Eastwood's

mellowed gumman is forced to resumed his lethal skills. Marvellously resonant, reflective Western, Gene Hackman,

remective Western, Gene Haccinan, Morgan Freeman, Richard Harris, Capiden Piczas (071-485 2443) Empire (071-497 999) MiSM Pulham Road (071-370 2636) MISM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MISM Codord Street (071-636 0310) MISM Trocadero (071-434 0031) USZ Whiteleys (071-792 3322).

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# **How to survive Orson Welles**

CINEMA: David Robinson meets Suzanne Cloutier, Desdemona to Orson Welles's Othello

uzanne Cloutier puts the matter aptly herself: "It isn't often that a grandmother gets to tour around the world with a film she made 40 years ago." Last week she was presenting the newly restored version of Orson Welles's Othello in Morocco, where the film was partly made, and where a city square has just been named after Welles. Following a whirtwind trip home to Montreal to visit a sick friend, she is in London for the British release today (at the Curzon, West End). She is the last survivor among the major players in that illustrious film.

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Still completely recognisable as Welles's gentie, steady-eyed Desdemona, she remembers the making of Othello as the most magical period of her life - despite the awful hazards of the enterprise. The production dragged on for three years, with constant interruptions when money ran out and Welles went off to find some more - by acting in Prince of Foxes and The Third Man, among

other films. "I wasn't the first Desdemona. Few of us were the originals, but the others left when they found they didn't set paid. I never got paid either - not to this day. But what young actress would turn her back on Desdemona and Orson Welles?

"We were generally so broke! In the hotels, as the bills ceased to be paid, the portions on our plates got smaller and smaller. We were often hungry. And yet Orson inspired this gift of loyalty.

"He was always extremely well prepared. He held all the pieces of the puzzle quite clearly defined in his gigantic mind. He chose his cast very carefully and he explained precisely what he wanted. After that, all he asked of us was to give the best we had. That was easy because he gave you confidence."

"I have always", says Cloutier, "been the companion of creators." She was born in Ottawa, married young and went to New York to become a fashion model. Her picture on a Vogue cover won her a seven-year film contract. In Hollywood she met her first great creator, Charles Laughton, who recruited her to his Coronet Theatre.

"He was a wonderful, generous man

THE lutes are coming on all over

Europe, as the Columbus celebrations

continue to inspire concerts of long-

lost, early Spanish music. Radio 3

made a melodious contribution last

week, already reviewed here, and this

week has topped that up with broad-

Sunday night gave us La Celestina.

by the 15th-century playwright Ferdinand de Ropas. It was billed as a

"boisterous comedy classic" but it

wasn't exactly Carry On Castile. It was

a literary satire on the courtly love

convention, and at the same time a

The young nobleman Calisto falls

romantically in love with the Jewish

merchant's daughter Melibea. But to

win her he employs the help of the local

witch and brothel-keeper, La Celestina.

Frances de la Tour played this central

character, and made a remarkably

destructive, joyless figure out of her. La

Celestina is only interested in getting

her hands on Calisto's money, and

A PERFORMANCE of the EC's inter-

national anthem, complete with its great orchestral prelude, could be considered something of an act of faith

this week. But the London Philhar-

monic Orchestra's performance of

Beethoven's Ninth Symphony had a

A month which has seen the

banishing of the Belgrade String

Orchestra from the Cardiff Music

Festival, on the grounds of government

sanctions, certainly needs a larger than

normal dose of that "magic which

reunites what convention has severely

The Ode to Joy, and all that goes

before it, was given a performance of

deep seriousness at the Festival Hall

(also Radio 3) on Wednesday night

Klaus Tenustedt's view of the work is

dark and uncompromising, like much

of his Mahler. It is driven by a similar

sundered", to quote Schiller's words.

particular significance this time.

very bleak piece of realism.

casts of two early Spanish plays.

being paid. When I left he was cross. He said, You will realise how I have protected you. You are a spoiled girl.' And how right he was! He is still protecting me now, giving me all these great trips and opportunities that I'm getting with Othello."

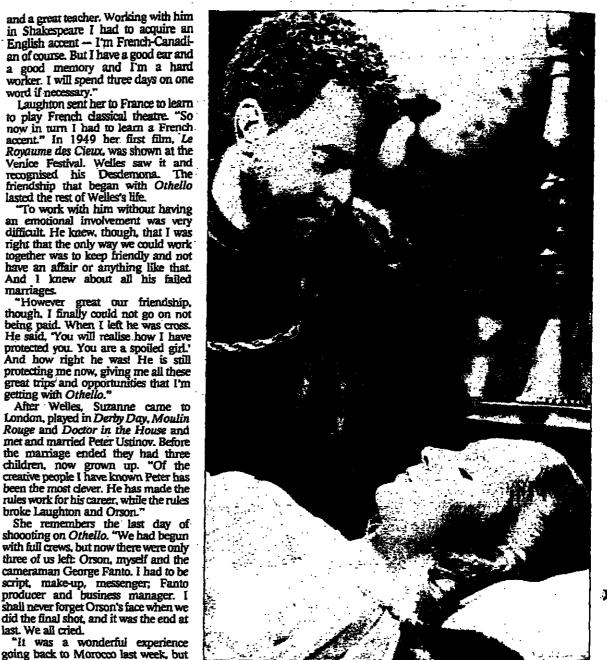
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word if necessary."

After Welles, Suzanne came to London, played in Derby Day, Moulin Rouge and Doctor in the House and met and married Peter Ustinov. Before the marriage ended they had three children, now grown up. "Of the creative people I have known Peter has been the most clever. He has made the rules work for his career, while the rules broke Laughton and Orson."

She remembers the last day of shoooting on Othello. "We had begun with full crews, but now there were only three of us left: Orson, myself and the cameraman George Fanto. I had to be script, make-up, messenger; Fanto producer and business manager. I shall never forget Orson's face when we did the final shot, and it was the end at last. We all cried.

"It was a wonderful experience going back to Morocco last week, but sad, because the friends were missing. We were friends for life, all of us who were involved with Othello."



Suzanne Cloutier with Orson Welles in Othello: "all he asked of us was to give the best we had; that was easy because he gave you confidence"

#### RADIO REVIEW

#### **Courting and coupling**

quickly suborns Calisto's servants into everything she spoke of. Whether this helping her. She is a total hypocrite, but she uses elaborate and ingenious argument with the skill of a medieval Aristotelian.

She soon gets Melibea yearning for Calisto, for all the most honourable reasons — in fact, played by Abigail McKern, Melibea sounded like an honourable schoolgirl trying to pass her A-levels in Love. The courtly lover, in spite of his fine words, is groping her within minutes of getting into her garden, and soon achieves the desired

This was cold satire, with no hint of anyone achieving any happiness, least of all La Celestina, whose flat, gravelly voice seemed to empty joy out of is how the part would have been performed when the play was written it is presumably impossible to say, but it was a very accomplished piece of acting by de la Tour

There was some thin merriment in the brothel scenes, and some camp humour - not, I imagine, intended in the original — when La Celestina described another witch's skill at "shinning up the gallows" to pull out ever, after the grim vision of La dead men's teeth. "And she burnt

beautifully," she added.
Otherwise, La Celestina was like a long dance of death. How lucky for Spain, and for us, that Cervantes came along later and repainted the whole scene with Shakespearean humour.

Love and Friendship, on Monday night, was a brief entertainment written in the same century by Juan del Encina for the court of the Duke of Alba. It told the story of a nobleman who falls in love with a shepherdess, works as a shepherd for a year to prove that he truly loves her, then takes not only her but also another shepherd couple back to court, where they can all live in happiness. The shepherds resist at first, but soon learn that it is easy and pleasant to be a courtier.

It all seemed like a bit of selfdelighting propaganda for the Duke and his court, suggesting not only how fortunate they were but also how broad-minded and democratic. How-Celestina, one was ready to be convinced — and greatly helped in believing by the delightful court music that was composed by Juan del Encina himself

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menacing than majestic, and formed more by the cutting edge of instrumen-tal groups, honed one against the other, than by the building of its bulk.

The strenuous equality of parts. made for an orchestral struggle answered by the strength of this conductor's will against physical frailty. As the scherzo stabbed out a dance of robustly sustained black humour, Tennstedt's

legs threatened to buckle under him. His hard working of each inner voice was at its most telling in the slow movement. The intensity of each strand made for a real frisson at moments of key change, as if one were being lifted over into a different sphere of existence. After the fury, the variations were contrastingly meditative. At first, in the finale, the cellos' song was barely animate, and there was a hint of mockery in Tennstedt's lifting out of the trumpet's little figures. The work was not fully humanised yet: René Pape's marvellously clear cry of "O Freunde nicht diese Tonel" sig-

nalled a startling transformation. The London Philharmonic Chorus seemed overwhelmed with awe as they approached the climactic "vor Gott!". The same sense of almighty anticipation surged up again before the great full chorus, giving it a solemnity well sustained by the quartet of soloists (Pape, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, Lucia Popp and Ann Murray).

Solemnity of a different sort was the goal earlier in the evening, when the Chorus performed Mendelssohn's reverential setting of Psalm 2 ("Why do the heathen rage?"). Their prowess was put sorely to the test in this unaccompanied work for two four-part choirs, its solo parts sung on this occasion by faltering semi-choruses in flaccid German. Jeremy Jackman, chorus master. conducted.

He also directed the wind soloists of the orchestra in a welcome further performance of the Paraphrase on Mozart's Idomeneo for Wind Octet. written by Robert Saxton for the orchestra's Glyndebourne serenading. Lyricism is constantly undercut by querulous dialogue, anxious chording, and disturbing metrical shifts which reveal more of the monster than of the mercy at the heart of Mozart's opera.

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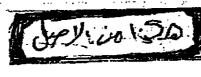
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# Close encounter with a heavyweight

American sculptor Richard Serra has installed two huge steel monoliths at

the Tate Gallery. Richard Cork reports

unning like a spine up the centre of the Tate, the Duveen Galleries present any artist invited to exhibit there. Lofty, austere and punctuated halfway through by an Octagon with false but imposing columns, this grandiose space might easily diminish the objects it houses.

So when the distinguished American sculptor Richard Serra was commissioned to make a new work for the Duveen, he aimed above all at countering the dominance of the building. Rather than adopting a dutiful attitude to the architectural context he had been given. Serra decided to deal directly with the volume and weight of the space.

After rejecting his initial idea, which took the form of a circular sculpture echoing the columns, he considered for a while the possibility of octagons instead. But as Serra explains in a lucid catalogue interview, they threatened to become "too busy for this space". He wanted an object that did not call attention to itself, and opted eventually for a

rectangular alternative. The restraint involved in such a solution is remarkable. As his towering Fulcrum demonstrated, when installed at the Broadgate entrance to Liverpool Street Station several years ago, Serra can be an intensely dramatic sculptor. Earlier this year he placed three immense Running Ares of Cor Ten steel in a Düsseldorf installation dedicated to John Cage. Tilted at various angles, and activating the entire length of the gallery with their menacing yet invigorat-ing dynamism, the entire work Serra at his most

swaggering.
In the Tate, by contrast, everything is pared down to an imperturbable essence. Having entertained the notion of five rectangular blocks, placed at intervals throughout the space, he reduced the elements to three. Serra wanted to prevent visitors from viewing his installation as a self-contained entity, isolated from the surrounding architecture. So he eliminated the middle form intended for the central Octagon as well, leaving just two blocks.

There they sit, in the north and south galleries respectively. The size of the space around them ensures that we are encouraged to take the identity of the Duveen Galleries into account during our encounter with the work. They have never looked more naked, and our awareness of their presence is just as acute as our realisation that Serra has distilled his response into a pair of forged steel masses. Positioned about 140 feet from one another, on line with the principal axis of the space, their grand simplicity implies a disdain

for the Duveen's pomposity.
No sculpture could be less rhetorical than this four-square assertion of what Serra's title bluntly defines as Weight and Measure. To approach the first block is to appreciate that he has staked everything on making the volume of the space tangible. About 35 tons of steel are resting on the floor of the south room, shored up by special supports in the

The height of the Duveen Galler-ies dissipates whatever grandeur they may possess, but Serra seizes on that vastness and concentrates it in the bulk of his dour rectangle. Nine feet wide and 41 inches thick, the block impresses itself upon us as a palpable assertion of solidity. It does not, however, prevent us from seeing the gallery beyond. Rising only five feet in the air, it allows most visitors to peer over the top and gaze across at the other block in the

The similarity of the two objects binds them together, even though we must walk right through the Octagon to reach the second piece. They look like closely related parts of a single sculpture, which also incorporates the void between them. Only when reaching the form in the north gallery do we realise that it is eight inches higher than the first block. By preventing us from looking over this sculpture, except perhaps on tiptoe, Serra introduces a note of finality. Dark, slab-like and utterly incontrovertible, this sullen presence broods over the space like a silent reproach to the verbosity of the architecture it

While respecting the extraordi-



In the frame: a visitor photographs part of Richard Serra's forged-steel installation, Weight and Measure, at the Tate Gallery

nary restraint and contained strength of these industrial monoliths, I am not persuaded that Serra has imposed his imagination powerfully enough on the Duveen Galleries. Their height still threatens to overshadow the sculpture, which looks somewhat dwarfed by the bare interior. Maybe his dislike of this overblown location prevented him from reacting as confidently as he has at the Serpentine Gallery, where a concurrent exhibition of his "drawings" is on view.

erra clearly felt more at ease with the four modest white rooms on offer here. Although the east and west spaces have been left almost as bare as the Duveen, the black rectangle isolated on each end wall looks more commanding than the equivalent block at the Tate. They are called Orozco and Siquerios, in honour of the Mexican muralists whose work impressed Serra when young. But their abstract stillness could scarcely be further removed from the boisterous figurative imagery of the Mexicans. Moreover, both rectangles occupy their spaces nearly as forcefully as sculpture.

Close inspection reveals that Serra has applied paint-stick to canvas spread on the wall, applying the medium with great vigour so that the surfaces seem to be smeared with sooty deposits. They look as rough, in their way, as the forged sides of Weight and Measure, and seem to have more physical substance than drawings normally

The sculptural dimension becomes even more apparent in the north gallery, where two of the walls contain wide black oblongs. They meet in the corner, warming a room which has otherwise been left empty. Their ability to bind one part of the gallery together contrasts with the loneliness of Orozco and Siguerios. In the large north gallery, the two grand drawings are placed at a considerable distance from each

As at the Tate, Serra has here refused to mirror the shape of the room in a literal way. The circular ceiling receives no answering echo in either of these mighty rectangles. although one of them terminates satisfyingly in a corner of the gallery. Two for Rushdie is the title they bear, and both drawings combine funereal darkness with an underlying sense of strength.

While allowing a considerable amount of the Serpentine to remain untouched, he has turned the entire sequence of rooms into a sculptural

gallery is akin to exploring the interior of a Serra monument. He has taken hold of these spaces and made them undergo a metamor-phosis — without interfering with their architectural integrity in any

At once disciplined and heartfelt, respectful and arresting, these drawings make handsome amends for the shortcomings of his Tate installation, even as they suggest how he might have stamped his full authority on the Duveen's intractable immensity.

◆ Weight and Measure is at the Tate Galley, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313), Mon-Sat 10am-5.50pm. Sun 10am-2.50pm, until January 15. Richard Serra's Drawings are at the Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gar-dens, W2 (071-402 6075), Daily 10am-

#### GALLERY

SOR: Turner is so generally thought of as an extreme example of personal eccentricity and untrammelled Romantic inspiration that it comes as a surprise that he was a teacher - a professor of perspective - from 1807 to 1837. The show includes lecture notes, the books he consulted and 20 of the large diagrams he used with his students at the Royal Academy, as well as many examples

of his own works. Tate Gallery, Millbank, SW1 (071-821 1313) Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, until

• NEHRU GALLERY: The Victoria and Albert has decided that the only way to cope with a vast disproportion between the number of works in the collection and the number it is possible to show at any one time is to rotate and rehang. The Indian collection runs to some 35,000 pieces, so it is only natural that the Nehru Gallery, opened two years ago, should be an early candidate for this treatment. Most of the material in the new display. though along the same lines as what it replaces, will be unfamiliar to most visitors.

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where should the blame lie?

#### COMMENT: MUSIC EDUCATION

#### **Small price for excellence**

curious thing hap-pened in the musiceducation world just before the summer break. The acclaimed Centre for Young College in London, had the financial heart torn out of it by the pressures on local government. And apart from a few pieces in the educational press.

nobody seemed to notice. That is strange, because the place is exactly the sort of "centre of excellence" espoused by the Conservatives. A survey three years ago found that 75 professionals in 19 British orchestras had come from CYM; individual alumni range from Julian Lloyd Webber to Django Bates. The London Schools Symphony Orchestra, run by CYM, has been winning critical reviews for 42 years.

Providing Saturday tuition to around 500 mostly secondary students, CYM was once the glory of the Inner London Education Authority. It pioneered the string teaching techniques of Sheila Nelson, and offered instruments and

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tuition to primary children from all backgrounds. Conductors such as Simon Rattle signed letters of protest when it

In fact, so strong was the feeling three years ago that CYM was not only mainboroughs would pay tuition costs for the students (which can come to £1,000 a year), while a new Foundation for Young Musicians, which raised £1.1m over the first three years, paid for core staff, instruments, music library. and the special costs of the LSSO and masterclasses. The scheme looked secure, especially when London Electricity its sponsorship sparks flying with privatisation - passed across £250,000 for the LSSO

This summer the basis came apart. Greenwich, Camden and Hackney announced that they could not pay for students beyond the end of this calendar year. Much-capped Greenwich, one of the largest

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providers, said that nearly £50,000 was more than it could afford. For the students concerned this could mean looked as though it might die their musical education halts return their borrowed instruments. For the centre, threatened with loss of perhaps a tained but arguably put on a third of their intake, certain firmer basis. Inner London activities would cease to be activities would cease to be viable. A domino effect could take hold. And the charitable foundation set up on the understanding that pupils from state schools throughout inner London could have access to it, might be in breach of its ourdose

The crisis has come at a bad time for youth music. In spite of the PR gloss of National Music Day, the reality is that in many parts of the country instrumental tuition is being stripped out of schools. One of the better features of British education, and the rock on which orchestras and the music business is founded, is

being eroded. It ought to be possible for CYM's finances to be sorted out. When schools have bigger



Julian Lloyd Webber: an alumnus of the CYM

budgets under local management they should be willing to pay for places direct. Pressure is growing to make parents something for the termtime Saturday centre: possible for middle-class parents, prohibitive for others.

Some MPs representing

constituencies in boroughs immediately affected - Nick Raynsford and Peter Bottomley from Greenwich, Glenda Jackson from Camden are pressing John Patten to find a solution. A greater range of funding options is being discussed with boroughs and schools, and there are some signs of a backing off in Greenwich, Camden and Hackney. None really wishes be labelled as among CYM's murderers. Equally, it is obvious that no individual borough could replicate what CYM gives to musically-gifted

children. But if British music is to have a future it is ludicrous that a place such as CYM should have the plug pulled by weary councillors, facing a long list of cuts, in a desperate attempt to set "legal" budgets before the summer recess.

The oil companies like to see themselves as good corporate citizens, befriending the Earth, enriching local communities and - metaphorically if not literally patting children on the head. Only the credulous, however, would suppose that the dirty business of getting oil out of the ground can really be conducted like a weekend

Critical Eye (Channel 4, last night) looked balefully at the reality of oil production around the world. The nastiest story in the programme came from the Niger delta, where Shell called in riot police to deal with what they expected to be an awkward demonstra-

tion by angry locals. The police exceeded their brief by a margin that raised eyebrows even in Nigeria. By the time they had finished, a judicial inquiry subsequently found, 495 houses had been destroyed and 80 people

killed. We should, in an ideal television film, then have heard Shell's explanation. For reasons unexplained, however, the programme gave us only PR patter, smoothly delivered by the company's head of public affairs.

Was a chance offered for a proper response, and turned down? Or was the interview filmed in advance and slotted in among the scenes of devastation to make the company look silly?

The same criticism applied to all the errors amd omissions documented by Critical Eye. BP and Chevron were put in the dock for the development of an oilfield in Papua New Guinea, PetroCanada accused of helping to destroy an Ecuadorian rainforest, and Shell lambasted for its behaviour in

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#### **Crude injustice?**

case were the charges directly Peter Skupholme, head of

health, safety and environment at BP, compared the to "keyhole surgery". extracting the oil without raping the forests. The natives saw it differently: "The place was really quiet - no beer, no beteinut - a good place, quiet with everyone free to come and go" said Rex Sese, a youth leader. "But now it seems that trouble has come. Now the oil has arrived, all these no-good

wavs have arrived 100." Not only was the environment despoiled, but the arrival of the cash economy had set village against village. Three tribes were close to declaring war over payments for land

ere, it seemed to me. the oil companies were merely lightning rods for the discontents that accompany economic development. Unless primitive peoples are to be left to their own devices for ever - an unrealistic policy - then roads will be cut into their jungle fastnesses by somebody, some time. These roads may make

Whenever development takes place, victims can be identified: people whose views are spoiled, whose air is contaminated, or whose way of life is disrupted. It is as true of

Britain as it is of the remote corners visited by Critical Eye. Without condoning the oil companies' failure to meet the makers of this film their mere existence seemed an affront. There will always be those who prefer no beer and no betelnut to the ambiguous em-

brace of change. But it isn't an option, not least because television itself has carried the images of wealth around the world: too late now to shut the

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# Clearing a deadly cloud of confusion



is face may be famous, but his feet — and his health — have made his fortune. He is an accomplished musician and holds the world record for tap. And he places a dancer's priority on health. Smoking is, and always has been, out. But Roy Castle danced and played the trumpet in smoke-filled rooms. To do that, you have to breathe deeply. And he developed lung cancer.

For years, the multi-million pound tobacco industry has fought the evidence that inhaling other people's smoke can give you lung cancer. The latest example came this week when the anti-smoking pressure group, Ash, with the backing of the government's Health Education Authority, published a QC's opinion that is likely to bring the first test case on passive smoking in the United Kingdom. It stated that any employee who can establish the causal connection between his injury and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke" stands a good chance of successfully

suing his employer. The Tobacco Advisory Council. which represents the interests of the industry, reacted by accusing Ash of "attempting to intimidate employers with selective information". That is where Castle comes in. He appears to be living proof that you can get lung cancer from inhaling other people's smoke, even if you have never smoked yourself.

Castle's assertions that he contracted lung cancer through passive smoking were this week strongly endorsed by his doctor, Richard Ashford, a consultant cancer specialist at Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex, Dr Ashford is as unequivocal on the causes of Castle's lung cancer as any medical man will ever be. "For those who don't believe passive smoking can give you lung cancer, all I can say is look at Roy Castle," he says. "There is no doubt in my mind that his lung cancer is the result of years of inhaling other people's smoke."

Sir Richard Doll, the leading epidemiologist who first alerted the world to the fact that smoking 1950s, has this week been promot-ing the fifth Europe Against Cancer week, which starts on Monday. This European Commission initiative to increase the number of offices and factories that operate a no-smoking policy is an attempt to protect non-smokers. Sir Richard id that in the light of where Castle had worked, constantly breathing in other people's smoke, the chances were that his lung cancer was due to environmental smoke. This adds strength to the movement for non-smoking areas in public places," he says.

Experts in lung cancer agree that

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Did Roy Castle (left) get cancer from passive smoking? Aileen Ballantyne considers the

although 95 per cent of the disease is caused by smoking, there are other possible causes for the remaining 5 per cent. These are exposure to radon or industrial toxins, and passive smoking. But Dr Ashford is satisfied that all other possible causes, apart from passive smoking, have been ruled out in Castle's case. "We all know that smoke is more harmful unfiltered than filtered and you are inhaling unfiltered smoke when you take in other people's tobacco smoke."

evidence

Asked why Castle should get lung cancer when thousands of others exposed to other people's smoke do not he said it could be explained by each individual's biological susceptibility. "It is the same as saying, for example, that of 100 smokers of 20 a day, only 15 will get lung cancer and some of the others will die of heart attacks."

Dr Ashford points to the evidence in the Froggatt report - the most authoritative research on passive smoking - which was carried out by a team of leading British scientists and backed by the government four years ago. "Even on the conservative estimates contained in that, those regularly exposed to other people's smoke increased their chances of getting lung cancer by up to 30 per cent," he says.

The report concluded that at least 300 non-smokers in Britain die every year from lung cancer as a result of passive smoking. Castle has only smoked one cigarette in is life, at the age of seven. Both he and



A public danger: smokers are not only endangering their own lives by their habit, there is growing evidence that they are are also risking the lives of others

Dr Ashford link the disease to his 20 years of playing jazz trumpet in smoke-filled nightclubs in the 1960s and 1970s, when he got his first break in showbusiness.

"I'm not blaming the people who smoked in these clubs for my illness," Castle said. "We didn't know the facts then, but we do now and I don't want young people to

remain ignorant." Castle, 59, has now completed a course of chemotherapy. Statistically, the odds are stacked against him: nine out of ten people with the disease die within 18 months of diagnosis. Dr Ashford says he is "cautiously optimistic" about Castle's recovery. Castle is now working with the

Cancer Research Campaign (CRC):

on an anti-smoking video for schools. "I want to make it my business to avoid anyone else having to go through this," he said. Gordon McVie, the scientific director of the CRC, said Castle's case blew a huge hole in the wellworn argument of the tobacco industry on "freedom to smoke". "It's one thing being free to smoke

in private, but it is quite another to endanger the lives of others who inhale your smoke," Professor

McVie says.
One leading expert on smoking.
Godfrey Fowler, the head of general practice at Oxford University. stresses that it is never possible, even with active smoking, to establish direct cause and effect between

the cancer and smoking. But, he adds, that was only because the sort of trials that would establish such a link would be unethical - a group of people would have to be asked to smoke for a long period, putting their health at risk, while they were being monitored.

Christopher Bullock, the director of public affairs for the Tobacco Advisory Council, says that the council was as sorry as Roy Castle's many fans to hear about his illness. "It has been said that his illness is due to passive smoking. I very much doubt that his own doctors have sufficient information to make such an assertion."

Castle is in no doubt. At his home in Gerrard's Cross, Buckinghamshire, he points to a series of hooks in the back porch. "Six nights a week, for 20 years, when I came home from playing in clubs. I used to take off virtually all my clothes and hang them up there because the smell of smoke from them was

Castle's only warning that someseries of violent headaches. Each test convinced him he was fitter than the last until, finally, in spring this year, doctors decided to look for the most unlikely disease in a nonsmoker: hing cancer.

Castle is now prepared to use every talent he has against the £1,900 million a year profits of the UK-based tobacco industry and their estimated annual advertising budget of £113 million.

Asked for a one-line summary of what he will be saying to schoolchildren, he said: "How about, 'Do you mind if I smoke? . . . Do you mind

#### HOW THE HABIT IS SPREADING THROUGH EUROPE

very year, more than three million Europeans living in well-informed, Europeans aving in wear highly developed populations, die of cancer, according to World Health

Cancer experts agree that such deaths are continuing because the smoking trends already seen in the UK (where people have been smoking heavily for longest) are repeating themselves elsewhere.

Much of southern Europe does not yet accept the dangers of active smoking let alone passive smoking. Addiction appears to start in men, then be taken up by

then it spreads to children.

The epidemiologist Sir Richard Doll says the disease is on the increase in southern Europe because people there are smoking more, apparently not believing the habit kills until they see an increase of

Sir Richard says that lung cancer is already overtaking breast cancer as the main cause of death of women in Scotland and some parts of northern England. The toll now being seen among women in middle age can be traced to the romantic images of shared cigarettes in the films of the 1940s and 1950s, and the idealised

However, although the number of women smoking in England and Wales dropped slightly during the 1980s (from 37 per cent to 29 per), women are not giving up as rapidly as men. In the same period, the number of men smoking dropped from 42 per cent to 31 per cent.

southern European countries between 40

Although attitudes to giving up the habit are changing rapidly, in Britain only adults seem to be affected. The UK,

#### he case of Cherie Piper, who is addicted to nicotine at the age of two, will not be the only example of

a liaby blighted by smoking. She was a "passive" smoker while in the womb; her mother, Amanda, smoked 50 cigarettes a day while she was pregnant, and both parents continued to smoke

heavily after she was born. Anne Charlton, the director of the Cancer Research Campaign's education and child studies research group at Manchester University, says that as well as the effect a mother's smoking has on amounts of smoke is sufficient for a child

to become addicted to nicotine. Mrs Piper, 24, from Stevenage, Hert-fordshire, says that although she found Cherie smoking a cigarette she had lit herself, she could not believe it when a doctor told her ber daughter was addicted to nicotine. "For two weeks, we hid every cigarette, but she went wild," she said.

Dr Charlton points out that a report, entitled "Smoking and the Young", completed by the Royal College of Physicians earlier this year, has shown that large quantities of cotinine - a breakdown product of tobacco known to be a sensitive indicator of smoke absorbed -- can be measured in the saliva and urine of children whose parents smoke. The report concludes that the total annual dose of nicotine received by the children of smoking parents is equivalent to that child smoking between 60 and 150 cigarettes. "You have to remember that that is a very large number for a small child," Dr Charlton says. She adds that there is enough nicotine in one cigarette to kill a small child if the child are the cigarette.

The report says that more than a quarter of the risk of cot deaths is attributable to smoking by mothers; likely to suffer from serious respiratory infection: one third of cases of glue car, the commonest cause of deafness in children, is attributable to smoking passive smoking is responsible for at least 17,000 admissions to hospital every year for children under the age of five and the children of parents who smoke more than ten cigarettes a day are shorter than children of non-smokers.

Mrs Piper says she managed to stop smoking after realising what was happening to her daughter. Then she was involved in a knife attack at the petrol station where she works. The stress of the incident has now made her start again.

#### Losses to be talked about

DIAGNOSIS of breast cancer is shattering to many women. despite an often good prognosis. Recent research from the Glasgow Western Infirmary and from the Christie Hospital, Manchester, published in the European Journal on Oncology, shows that believing that this is mainly due to a feeling of mutilation is as simplistic as it is unflattering

to a patient's psyche.

The statistics indicate that the widely held belief that a lumpectomy, the more conservarive surgery, would solve a patient's psychological ap-proach to problems is unrealis-tic. The researchers compared 93 women who had had a mastectomy with 73 who had had conservative surgery. A year after their operations, the approaches of the two groups to changed appearance, their enjoyment of their sex life and the incidence of anxiety or depression were not significantly different About a third of the patients suffered from depression and

up to a half from anxiety. whereas only just over one in ten expressed great concern over their body image. Earlier research has shown that for many women anxiety

about the return of the cancer is lessened if they have a The researchers suggest

that the large number of patients with psychological problems after the operation underlines the need for organised pre-operative and post-operative counselling so that fears may be discussed and, they hope, allayed.

#### women took up smoking in the second world war, when they shared the work-

deaths in their own communities.

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Chinese coolie, was offended at the suggestion that its "gunpowder" green tea would have produced such untoward

effects. Tea merchants were

certain that tea contained

nothing more sinister than

caffeine. In fact, tea contains

caffeine, tannin, cellulose, ni-

trogen and traces of essential

oils that give every variety its

taste. Tea contains more caf-

A spokesman for Twinings.

In the UK, since 1972, when the recording of independent figures began. there has been a decline in the number of professional men and women who smoke.

ern European countries but in many and 45 per cent of the population smoke. In eastern Europe, where heavy smoking is newer still, as many as three in five men

Denmark and The Netherlands have the highest prevalence of smoking in young women in Europe. In England, for example, according to figures collected by the Office of Population, Censuses and Surveys, one in ten girls aged between 11

# A sensitive case of identification

THE identification of human remains is emotionally important to relsiderable medico-legal interest to insurers and lawyers, whether they are the last tsar's bones.

victims of an air crash in Kathmandu or Amsterdam, a body washed up

in Africa or one recovered from a burnt-out room at the Reform Club several years ago. Although the police in most countries have experts at the identification of bodies, there is a worldwide demand for the services of specialist funeral directors which have multidisciplinary teams ready to fly arrywhere to help with identification. One is in Kathmandu at the

Paul Knapman, the Westminster city coroner, says that in ideal circumstances five factors should be present to establish identification. Often circumstances dictate that only three or

four factors can be established. Recognition by somebody known to the person may be possible but is surprisingly unreliable because bodies after death become very similar. It may be too distressing for near relatives. Personal jewellery, watches and rings are particularly helpful. They may help determine identification, as may clothes, especially shoes, which may escape the full effects of a fire. Dental records are often crucial but Dr Knapman says that, even when records and teeth are found, a complete match against an

established record is only likely in 50 per cent of

cases. In the rest, further consultation with the

MEDICAL BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

work. Fingerprints, either from police records or left around the house before an accident, are helpful. This was how the Reform Chib victim was identified. DNA matching is established but is expensive and comparatively slow. It can also be distressing and misleading, for DNA matching makes no allowance for feelings and

times a wife's illicit but concealed affair.

and

find out whether any

differences between the

teeth found at the site

could be compatible

made by unrecorded

those recorded

Dr Knapman gives a warning of the hazards of advising a relative to see a badly burnt or decomposed body. Some find it helpful as a catalyst for grief. Without viewing the body they find it hard to accept the reality of the event. However, this does not mean that kindly but misguided care workers should coerce a reluctant person to view the remains. Likewise, nobody should be prevented from doing so. The decision has to be left to the person's judgment after suitable forewarning.

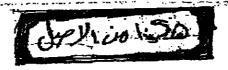
can uncover unexpected adoption and some-

Dr Knapman was unshocked by the Nepalese queuing to view strangers' bodies. He often sees in his work that there are cultural differences in the approach to death and what may sound ghoulish in London would be no more surprising in other places than the British custom of crowds gathering to watch casualties being cleared after a road accident.

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#### Once an often-tragic gamble, neurosurgery has been transformed, Alison Roberts reports

ners of the healing arts have difficulty in understanding exactly what it is Peter Hamlyn does. "I talk to other doctors and they ask me what I do. When I tell them I am a neurosurgeon, they say, 'Why do you want to do that? You carry out 26 hour operations and at the end you have got somebody who can't talk or walk, "says Mr Hamlyn, who plies his misunderstood trade at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

in London. Neurosurgery is a medical specialty uniquely surrounded by both gothic myth and high technology. It has been unfairly neglected, according to some, precisely because it is perceived as being complex and frightening.

However, discoveries about the functioning of the nervous system and new treatment ideas for the brain-damaged may significantly change the neurosurgeon's image and his

Mr Hamlyn says that ten years ago some of the operations being performed now would have seemed like "magic". "Now the advances in understanding disorders of the nervous system are coming on apace. We will see neurology becoming a major part of hospital work, and start to cure diseases of the brain and spine which hitherto have been in

# Winning the brain game

the hands of the gods," Mr Hamlyn says.

"But we know that if you treat people properly according to what we know now. fewer are left with the appailing difficulties that may be associated with brain damage." Such difficulties include paralysis of one side of the body, clumsiness and loss of balance, loss of speech or behavioural change.

About one million people suffer some form of head injury in this country every year: 150,000 of those are admitted to hospital. Added to this are large numbers of people coping with the often devastating effects of brain diseases such as Alzheimers and multiple sclerosis.

The commonest reason for disability in our community is some form of brain damage whether post-meningitis, post-stroke or post-head injury," Mr Hamlyn says. Brain tumours are the commonest form of "solid" cancer in

childhood; second only to the fluid" (blood) cancer that is

However, there are only 132 brain surgeons in Britain, and 40 hospitals which perform neurosurgery, many of which are centres of excellence. Barts and the Homerton rehabilitation unit in east London are particularly well-known. There are four rehabilitation units in all, working to "turn the lights on again".

About 95 per cent of those

who enter hospital with a head injury are treated by a general physician and do not get referred to a brain specialist. mainly because they do not need to see one, but sometimes because there are none available in the area. Those with severe injuries are moved to a neurology unit. For example, Leslie Crowther, the entertainer recently injured in a road accident, was initially taken to Cheltenham general hospital. but was later transferred to Frenchay in Bristol, where

guarding against this, by constantly monitoring pressure. has long been recognised, but Mr Hamlyn says medical practice could be more effective if neurology was better understood by non-specialist "One of the myths sur-

high. The importance of

rounding today's neurosur-geons is that they prevent people who would have died from dying, but that they produce cabbages instead." Mr Hamlyn says. "That is exactly what we don't do.

there is a neurosurgery unit.

carries out about 240 opera-

tions a year, removing blood clots, draining fluid from the brain, and performing surgery

on the spine. About 20 or 30

patients die after surgery. While there is no need for

every district hospital to em-

ploy a neurosurgeon, the scar-city of specialists makes the job

of disseminating new tech-

niques and discoveries

have proved that it is possible

to graft good cells on to

damaged parts of the brain.

Such high technology surgery has not been carried out on

humans, but has the potential

to make "little bits of nerve

cells regrow like magic", ac-

cording to Mr Hamlyn, re-

versing some of the damage

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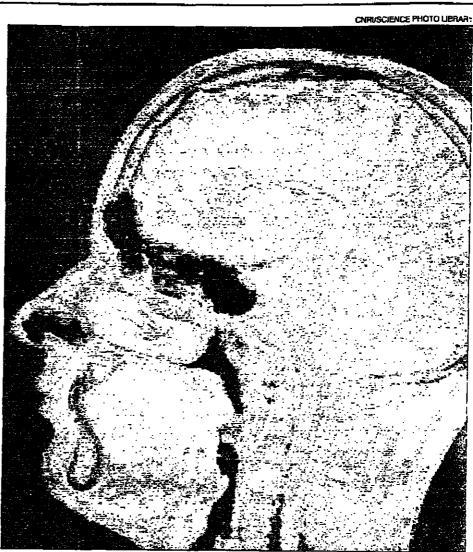
Already animal experiments

Every British brain surgeon

"If you treat head injuries with microscopes and pressure monitors you have fewer people in chronic vegetative states. It is the promptness of treatment and the specialist care that makes the

Most of the high-tech equipment and techniques used to look after people with head injuries has been developed over the past 20 years. Computerised tomographic (CT) scans show the soft tissue of the brain itself, making it possible for a doctor to see whether a blood dot is forming. The electrical function of the brain can be tested using an electroencephalogram (EEG).

Such investigative techniques make treatment more effective and the new approach to accident care has increased the number of lives



The world within: the human brain in cross-section, from cerebral cortex to spinal cord

#### **PUTTING THE BRAIN BACK TO WORK**

THE brain can be damaged within a few seconds of an accident, a couple of hours later or a day or two afterwards. The initial injury may occur as a result of deceleration or acceleration of the head, for example in a car crash or following a hard punch. This usually produces a 'closed" head injury as the brain follows the movement of the skull, tearing nerve fibres. arteries and veins. The surface of the brain is bumped. bruised and swollen with

When the skull is actually penetrated, perhaps with wreckage from a crash or by a bullet, the brain is exposed and damaged in an "open" injury. A "crushing" head injury is self-descriptive.

The fate of the victim is usually decided in the immediate aftermath of an accident.

The brain has either been damaged by a particularly severe injury to the extent that parts of it will die, or have already died, causing permanent damage, or the victim may have been lucky and escape with concussion or a small skull fracture.

In many cases, however,

complicating the brain damage. The brain can be starved of oxygen, either because breathing is obstructed, or, if large amounts of blood are lost, because blood pressure drops. Then, sometimes months after the injury, the bruised brain may swell. and the tissue is squeezed so that blood has difficulty circulating through it. In severe cases the pressure becomes so high that blood flow stops altogether and the brain dies. Blood clots, formed when blood leaks out of the brain, can grow over a period of time and can compress and damage the brain.

Recovery after brain surgery is necessarily slow. often a matter of learning and re-education as the brain reorganises itself and functional areas take over from areas which no longer work. Rehabilitation programmes can take years, perhaps requiring the patient to learn to read or write again.

People have continued to improve for up to ten years after suffering a braindamage injury, as brain cells suddenly begin to work again. But personality change, poor memory and concentration are often

#### two further injuries can occur. **Anguish that** can't wait

Inflammatory bowel disease means misery for tens of thousands

here are very few "ta-boo" diseases left. Even cancer and Aids are freely discussed. But, despite the fact that an estimated 80,000 people in Britain suffer from it, inflammatory bow-el disease (IBD) is very much a

closed book. Not any longer. The two diseases covered by IBD — ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease - are the subject of Living with IBD, a useful booklet published by the National Association for Colitis and Crohn's Disease (NACC).
I know it's useful, because I have suffered from IBD for nearly 20 years.

What causes IBD? Diet and stress, the usual culprits, have been ruled out. Research has not come up with a solution. despite the NACC donating £1 million to research over the past eight years. Crohn's disease — a thickening of the colon causing constipation and diarrhoea — is on the increase. In ulcerative colitis the colon becomes ulcerated, leading to blood, mucus, pain and diarrhoea. I say diarrhoea, but the unmentionable aspect of these two diseases is the fact that sufferers are constantly frightened of having "accidents", and not being able to get to a lavatory in time.

In a survey it was found that nearly half of people suffering from IBD are anxious about this. As a result, the NACC has issued a "Can't Wait" card to members which can be produced to sympathetic shopkeepers who will then, in theory, usher you to the nearest lavatory. But members are often too embarrassed to produce the card.

My worst moments in this regard have included pushing to the front of a 20-strong queue for the lavatory at the

Ideal Home Exhibition - too late - and spending half an hour trying to tidy myself up. during touch-down at Los Angeles airport when I burst from my window-seat, ran past the stewardesses, and only just made it to the loo.

Both ulcerative colitis and Crohn's are chronic once you've got them, they never go away. In the past, the diseases could be life-threatening, but now they can usually be kept below boiling point with daily drugs. Because they are chronic, mysterious, and not the subject of polite conversation. it is rare to find anyone who understands the problem.

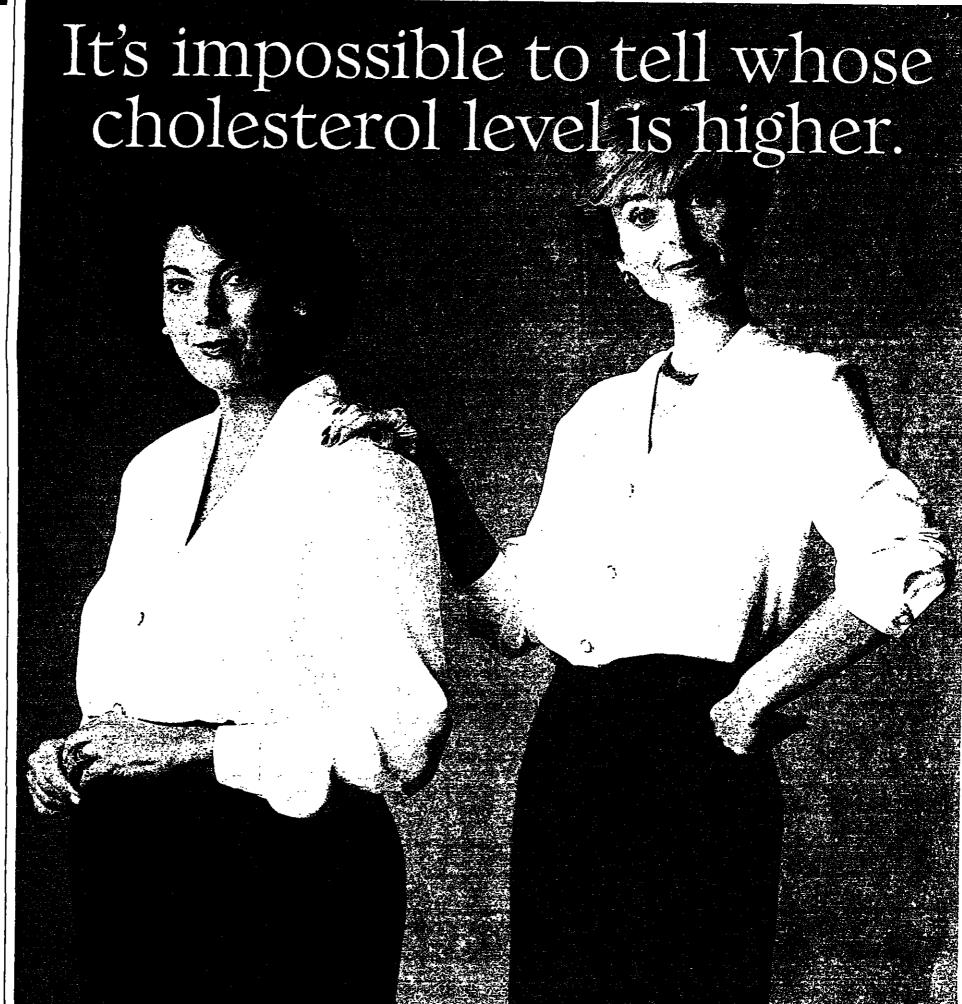
"Can't you hang on a little longer?" is the sort of remark a friend will make, as if you were a complaining five-year-old.
Or, worse: "Have you tried acupuncture. diet, homoeopathy .. ?" Again, as if you either hadn't tried or hadn't discovered that complementary medicine may sometimes relieve the stress that in some cases exacerbates the condi-

Discussing a topic like this is horribly embarrassing, even with a doctor. The tests are revolting, involving cameras being sneaked up you in unspeakable places, and the talk is all of stools and motions and enemas. The NACC has helped enormously, trying to explain the inexplicable to sufferers and their friends and families. It is also a great comfort to know that there are other people who sometimes "just can't wait".

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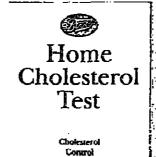


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# A golden age of grumpies

When youth turns to middle age, and spending power matches waistlines, admenscent rich pickings, Kate Muir reports

in it. someone once said. Now, perspicacious Americans are realising how wrong that was. The new big spenders, the darlings of marketing and advertising departments throughout the country, are the grumpies — grown-up urban mature professionals. The future for any successful company lies in divesting the grumpies of their vast

Grumpiehood is what happens when yuppies start to decay. The affluent youth market which gobbled GTis and BMWs, mobile phones, CD systems, Paul Smith and Azzedine Alaïa is slumping and sagging. It suddenly feels safer with a Volvo and an 18-hour girdle, a trend that manufacturers cannot ignore.

The population bulge of the 80 million baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964 is described by demographers as the "pig in the python". Yuppies were, of course, the greediest part of the pig, and there are great hopes for grumpies. By the year 2000, households headed by those aged under 35 should have shrunk by 18 per cent, while the 35 to 55 age group should have grown by 28 per cent. Baby boomers and their

rich sub-set of grumpies make up a third of the American population. The term grumpie was suggested by demographers and has just started to gain currency. Even before grumpies were invented, forwardthinking manufacturers were pandering to them. Last year, Lee jeans started an advertising campaign which showed fortyish men pathetically trying to squeeze into their old jeans, with a voiceover: "Forget about cholesterol. It's your jeans that have been cutting off your circulation."

Lee then supplied baggier jeans. Levi Strauss & Co have brought in "relaxed fit" jeans aimed at older people. The Gap has "easy fit". Jeans companies realised that six out of ten of their buyers were over 25. "We had aimed at the hip and trendier younger market, and we found that we were alienating our prime con-sumers who were 25 to 40 years old,"

a Lee spokesman says. The key to exploiting the grumpies is to remember that they still believe they are young, despite physical evidence to the contrary. Ross Goldstein, a psychologist at the Generation Insights consultancy in

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The principal objection to old age is that there is no future advertising is aiming at a middleaged market, advertisers can't forget this generation is rebellious, youthful, experimental and liberal by nature. They will redefine this stage of life for

The model in the Oil of Olay (Ulay in the UK) television advertisement announces her refusal to grow old gracefully. "I intend to light it every step of the way," she says smugly. Sales of "no-line" bifocals are up, so the telltale sign of weakening eye focus is hidden. Plastic surgery patients are getting younger. A surgeon at the Centre for Human Appearance in Philadelphia says: "We mostly used to get people in their fifties wanting facelifts, Now we're starting to see women as young as 35 coming in for eye tucks." For men, hair grafts, weaves and transplants to cover baldness are increasingly in

odels in, or near, their forties such as Lisa Kelly for Calvin Klein. Isabella Rossellini and Catherine Deneuve are increasingly being used for magazine advertising. Jane Fitzgibbon of Ogilvy & Mather's TrendSights division in New York points to the endless search for an anti-wrinkle cream that works. "Grumpies are educated. They know what they're buying, yet they allow manufacturers to pitch them therapy as much as beauty with these skin

Victoria's Secret, a nationwide lingerie company, now does girdles by mail order so grumpies and fanies do not have to make their purchases in public. Nor are "girdles" referred to as such, with their iron-clad 1950s implications. "Body shaper" is the preferred term, although "hip slip" and "thigh slimmer" are also acceptable. Done in bright Lycra rather than sticking plaster-coloured elastic. the girdle loses its stigma.

George Simonton, a designer and a lecturer at New York's Fashion Institute of Technology, claims that some manufacturers of classy clothes are "re-sizing", labelling what used to be a size 14 as a 12, so those who have dined too well are not made aware of

The deviousness of those courting grumpies and boomers knows no bounds. RJR Nabisco, which makes the popular Oreo Cookies - choco-



Model grumpies: Catherine Deneuve and (inset) Lauren Hutton

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late cream sandwich biscuits - has brought out mini-Oreos so boomers can have a taste of their childhood without fear. This move on nostalgic but diet-conscious adults was discussed in the Chicago Tribune by Phil Lempert, a food industry analyst. He said: "We baby boomers feel real guilty eating Oreos. But if someone came over with a bowl of mini-Oreos. we would take one, and then maybe four or five. It is our perception that, well, we can fit this into a healthy

America takes its generational analysis seriously. There is a monthly

magazine called The Boomer Report. boomer-specialists at most large advertising agencies, and in Irving, Texas, the American Association of Boomers (AAB).

After the Catholic church and the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons), boomers are the biggest lobbying group," says boomer-in-chief Karen Meredith. She bristles a little at the term grumpie. "One of our missions here is to show how diverse boomers are. We're not all yuppies or grumpies." Grumpies make up an estimated 5 per cent of the baby boom generation, but

in Stockholm underground

In one of the posters a naked

man is spread-eagled on a

giant cogwheel. Another fea-

tures a male whose eyes are

covered with a striped tie,

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throat. A third depicts a Swed-

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"When you are on your deathbed, it is unlikely that

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The Ministry of Social Wel-

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Although disparaging of the negative sounding grumpie, Ms Mer-edith does admit that the trend will grow and grow. "Boomers are like a backward wave, and the smallest end of the population is now reaching 45. but the vast majority are still in their early thirties. That said, whatever the older end does has so far been an



accurate predictor for the behaviour

Grumpies will never be quite as spendthrift as yuppies, however. "In their late thirries or early forties, they are increasingly burdened by the demands of their own parents, while they still have children or even babies of their own," Ms Meredith says. She predicts that all boomers, grumple or not, will be increasingly obsessed with health, appearance and fitness to a far greater extent than their parents' generation.

Consumer lust for materialism will turn into lust for fitness equipment and health foods. Specialised walking shoes are now selling twice as well as running shoes. Dr Goldstein says: There really is a back to basics movement. Grumpies are beginning to appreciate the simpler things in life, partly because people's priorities change when they reach middle age, and partly because of the recession. Of course, most normal people had already invested in the simple things of life. That was their life. The grumpies are just buying their way into it a bit late."

# Novel idea, may blossom

After Interflora comes Interbook. Now people can say it with words

to accept, given the somnolent hordes of couch potatoes, the grim legions religiously moving their lips as they trace their tortured path across a printed page. and those dichards who refuse to accept that "book" is not in fact a misspelling of "maga-

declare, a nation of literates. Super-literates even. Other, inevitably, than the Germans, we read more books, buy more books and generally contribute more to the erosion of the planet's forests than any other nation in Europe. Count them: 525 million of the things cross the country's bookshop counters every year. That is an average of 9.5

books per person.

A good proportion of those purchases are delivered as gifts. And why not they are easy to wrap, last longer than a pair of socks, and confer kudos on your coffee table. Which makes it reasonably surprising, one might feel, that it has taken until now for some smart entrepreneur to come up with Interbook, the gift service that, as its slogan states, shamelessly poaching from the florists, "says it with words". Or to sidestep the PR glitz, what we have here is Interflora not for flowers, but fiction. Not to mention nonfiction, reference books, cook books, travel books and more.

If this all smacks somewhat of niche marketing à la 1980s, then the man behind Interbook, Jeremy Green, a veteran of the property business, would seem to fit the bill. Faced with a mounting recession, Mr Green decided that rather than "wait for the property market to get itself together", he would make a move even if his clients wouldn't. What people wanted, he reasoned, was a gift, and not just a here today binned tomorrow gift.

If books appeared as the perfect gift, interflora ranked as the ideal marketing as scheme. You ring em, they bring 'em. Moreover, words

T and though it may be have definite advantages over plants. They may not smell as nice, nor often look remotely as pretty, but they do run and run. "They do not", points out Mr Green, stating the obvious but hopefully the commercial too, "will or fade."

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7 he publishers seem enthusiastic. David Campbell, whose elegantly revamped Everyman Library appeared with much fanfare last year, calls it "a brilliant idea, there is simply no better present than a well-chosen book", and wonders only why no one had not thought it all up before. "After all, what could be better than getting a present of one's favourite Dickens or Hardy?" Laura Beckwith, at Kyle Cathie Books, is similarly enthused - "Anything that improves the book market has to

be applauded". The traditional market is closing down stalls every day and publishers are paying the 1980s. Interbook with its no thrills, no romance approach, might just give the trade the fillip Mr Green is promising. Goodness knows, it certainly needs one. "Nobody thought this year could be worse than last," Ms Beckwith says. "Nobody's so sure now."

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His lot should be a nappy one series of provocative Swedish fathers are being seduced billboards depicting men symbolically away from work to the nursery chained to their jobs went up

> reason for this refusal is "old-fashioned attitudes by employers and bosses", according to Peter Orn, the general secretary of the Liberal 'Company

managers could set a good exam-

ple by taking paternal leave themselves, but they are afraid that if they leave they will come back to their jobs to find someone else sitting at their desk. Other employees think they are irreplaceable," said Mr Orn, who was recently appointed to head a working group to look into

the problem.

The entitlement allowing Swedish parents to stay home with infant children while retaining 90 per cent of their normal wages for a maximum of 450 days (combined for both parents) was introduced in 1974. However, only 8.1 do not take up the option. One per cent of benefits are taken

Stockholm poster

worst economic recession since the 1930s. But Bengt Westerberg, the minister of social welfare, who personally took a month off from politics in 1987 to watch over his son Jacob, says that now is as good a time as any to encourage parental leave by fathers.

The timing of

the government-

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fathers from the

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rently suffering its

"Children have a tendency to be born whether or not the economy is good or bad." Mr Westerberg said.
Men who take paternal

leave tend to do so for a much shorter period then women, but they enjoy it as much or more. "I got to know my boy better, he got to know me

better," said Auders Hidmark, 38, of Stockholm. Mr Hidmark, an engineer, took paternal leave from his job for six weeks last year to spend time with his son Eric, who was then 15 months old.

"I'm not sure my boss would be happy if I took three months off for paternal leave. but taking some weeks off when it isn't too busy in the office is OK," he said.

In addition to the programme of extended parental leave, parents get ten days of paid leave following the birth of a baby. Eighty-five per cent of the eligible fathers took advantage of this popular benefit last year.

Sweden's enlightened attitude towards sexual equality in the workplace explains the campaign to encourage leave for fathers. The country has the highest percentage of women in the workplace in the world, but men still tend to get the best jobs.

"By letting the women stay home with their young children, the men get a decisive head start on their careers." Mr Om said.

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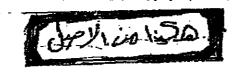
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# Two friends for the environment

Volvo has produced a car powered by gas and battery, Renault has decided that

small is desirable. Vaughan Freeman

looks at two green approaches

more environmentally friendly cars are split. While many manufacturers are scaling down their vehicles to make smaller versions of conventional designs, others are evolving new cars without the petrol engine. The alternative approaches are best reflected by two vehicles introduced at this week's Paris Motor Show.

Volvo took the wraps off its Environmental Concept Car. a revolutionary though realistic family car with the emphasis on environmental motoring. At the other extreme, Renault showed off its tiny Twingo mini car.

The Volvo is the more radical development, a car powered by a hybrid gas turbine and electric motor system. In town traffic, the five-door four-seater saloon runs off its nickel cadmium batteries so that there are no pollution emissions.

The batteries can be easily recharged from a domestic power source taking between six and 15 hours. The 120-volt batteries give a 0-60mph time of 22 seconds and a range of to 90 miles.

Volvo makes the point, however, that most drivers cover only 25 miles every weekday, often in traffic. With London peak-hour jams now averaging only 1 imph, battery-powered cars could happily

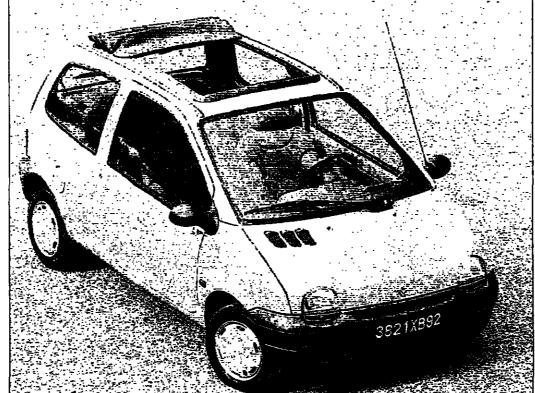
esigners struggling to satisfy the day-to-day demands of meet demands for range and speed. For drivers who demand higher speeds and longer range the Volvo carries a gas turbine, which can power the car and run a high-speed generator to recharge the batteries on the

> Volvo says: "The hybrid is an electric car with its own power plant generating energy that is either stored in the batteries or goes directly to the electric motor to drive

The driver can switch from battery at slow speeds in town to battery and turbine for maximum range or turbine alone for speed and recharging. The gas turbine can run on various fuels, including diesel, which is accepted as being less environmentally damaging than petrol.

The hybrid format gives the car a top speed of almost 110mph and a range of about 500 miles. The battery puts out no exhaust at all, and even the gas turbine emissions are well below those of the California state limits, the world's most stringent.

The rest of the car is as advanced and green as its hybrid power source. The body is built all of aluminium for lightness, cutting weight by 12 per cent from the usual steel body. The aerodynamic shape is 30 per cent cleaner more like any conventional Euro-



Striking a balance: the makers of the Twingo have tried to be responsible without being boring

through the air and special tyres cut resistance on the move by 50 per cent, all aiding economy and conserving energy without compro-

mising Volvo safety standards.

The car is recyclable and built so it can be easily dismantled at the end of its useful life.

Despite all this, the Volvo looks

pean saloon and far less radical than Renault's Twingo.

The three-door Twingo begins production this month. It goes on sale in Europe in the spring for about £7,000, but no UK launch date has been announced.

The Twingo is a serious commercial proposition aimed at Europe's

vehicles in this category are sold annually, compared with 2.5 million in 1980.

The 1.2-litre three-door Twingo enters the market to compete against such cars as the UK-built Nissan Micra.

The Twingo is 11ft long, the size of the original Mini, but it offers far more internal space thanks to fresh

leg room and a roof height of 56in gives more headroom than you would expect. With its bulbous headlamps and

designs. Innovative rear seats slide

back and forth to offer maximum

cheerful looks, this is the latest French fun car and a natural descendant of such vehicles as the Citroën 2CV. Peugeot 205 and Renault 5.

he Twingo uses a conven-tional unleaded petrol engine but the five-speed gearbox offers a top speed close to 100mph. It registers 55mpg at 56mph through a threeway catalytic converter.

Like the Volvo, the new Renault is free of ozone-damaging CFC gases and dismantles easily for

recycling.

Renault has cut the options on the car so that there is only one engine on offer, a handful of colour choices and either air-conditioning or a canvas roof. This helps to cut construction time to 14 hours, half the present average for a family

The car is a genuine four-seater, determinedly chic and intent on being environmentally friendly and responsible without being staid

and boring.

Renault is marketing the car on its simplicity and borrows heavily from existing Renault Clio produc-

tion lines to cut costs. Even so, the Twingo clearly has its own character which Renault

says "reinvents the small car". Renault has clearly produced a serious contender for the small car market, which now accounts for one in three of all new car sales.

ROADWISE

#### **Company** car fear

COMPANY car drivers are expecting bigger bills under the government's revised rules on benefit-inkind taxation. A check on 400 drivers by Cowie Interleasing found that 50 per cent fear their annual tax bills will be increased while 30 per cent think they may pay about the same. Only 9 per cent think they will benefit as the government considers switching taxation away from the engine size of company cars and on to the list

Sugar power

IF Popeye gets his strength from spinach, Nigel Mansell apparently gets his extra speed from sugar beet. Elf, France's state-owned oil company, which provides petrol for Mansell's Williams-Renault Formula One car, says he has been using a fuel 10 per cent of which is an ethanol compound directly produced from beets. Elf says it will



add 22 million gallons of the sugar beet ethanol to its fuels next year to provide an "extra green" petrol on

#### Waste not . . .

THE Dutch government has ordered that all car wrecks, used tyres, batteries and waste oil will have to be recycled from 1994. Legislation forcing industry to reuse raw materials will be drawn up by the end of the year because The Netherlands is fast running out of space to bury its rubbish. The order on car makers is the latest step in an ambitious project to recycle 60 per cent of all waste by 2000. The move is expected to add an average 250 guilders (about £85) to the price of a new car.

#### Go-ahead brakes

LUCAS made its 200 millionth Colette caliper brake set this week. After 18 years in production, the low-weight calipers, which also allowed Lucas to dispense with asbestos, have been supplied to 25 manufacturers worldwide.

# Ginetta at the end of the road

s the currency dealers swapped millions across national boundaries. Martin Phaff watched his car business go down the financial drain. Ginetta Cars was one of those minor success stories that gladden the heart during recession. The company was building small sports cars and exporting about 80 per cent of production, including 30 per cent to the Far East and the

hard-to-please Japanese. The business had locked all its E900.000 borrowing into a cheap loan in Japanese ven. When sterling crashed, the repayments esca-lated, stopping Ginetta in its

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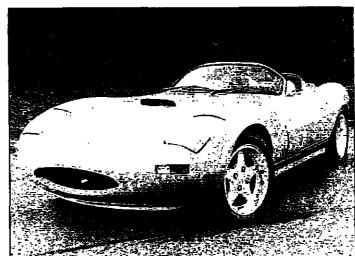
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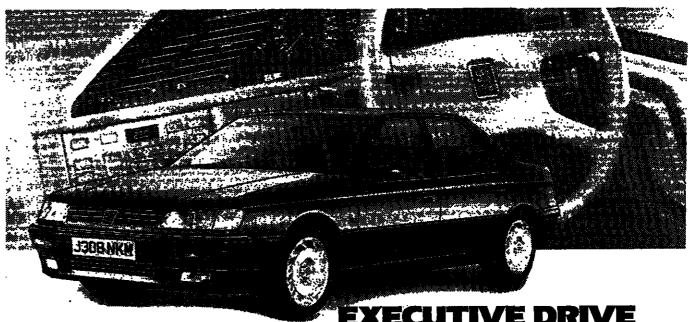
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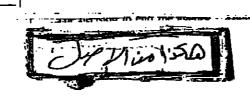
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# Perfect answer to the expanding 'mini'

he manual that says every new car has to be bigger and faster than the one before it was simply torn up and

thrown in the bin. Nissan's team of British engineers could have gone the way of others when trying to reinvent the Micra small car. being built at Washington, Tyne and Wear. This Micra is significantly different from other Nissan cars bound for British showrooms in that the project was handed to British engineers and designers almost from day one.

Yes, there is a Micra made in Japan, using a common floorpan and sharing important components. But twice as many Micras will be made at Washington — about 130,000 next year — as will be made in Japan. It is therefore vital that this new, small car is European in character and shape.

Nissan became increasingly aware that trying to impose Japanese values on a European audience was pointless so it recruited 300 engineers and designers, now based at Cranfield, Berkshire, to create a car that would offer high standards of comfort, performance and handling.

The brief might have been disconcertingly easy: just make everything bigger and better. Many manufacturers, in trying to gain the advantage over rivals, have allowed their small Kevin Eason

falls for the charms of a

small but perfectly formed

automobile

cars to grow. Nissan has turned that philosophy on its head and built a car which is smaller but roomier than its predecessor, and just as quick without any version being built purely for speed.

The result is remarkable. I struggle to think of any car of its size that is so refined, quiet and refreshing to drive. If the new Micra is not a leading candidate for a title as European Car of the Year then I shall eat a copy of the Maastricht Treaty. No Japanese company has won the title, probably because of the xenophobic suspicion among writers of cars from companies perceived by some European nations as "the enemy".

This time, it will be hard to gnore a car largely designed in Europe and made in Britain. Ian Milburn, deputy managing director of the Nissan European Technology Centre at Cranfield, estimates

comes out of Britain, Components such as the chassis, steering, brakes, suspension and interior are British designed and 80 per cent of the engineering content by value will be British when the first car rolls off the Washington assembly line.

Some minor British success-es have been thrown up by the concentration of effort here. An anti-lock brake system invented by Lucas Girling has been bought by Nissan for export to fit on Micras being made in Japan.

So where did the British team start on their first full design project? As the 1980s satisfied the demand for bigger and faster, Nissan looks to be among the first to have moved into the 1990s by designing a car which relates efficiency to potential use.

Why have a car capable of sprinting about like a demented housefly when your longest journey is generally to the shops? Eighty per cent of buyers of Micra-sized cars use them for city driving. Only one in ten journeys is long, under-lining the fact that models such as the Micra are likely to be the second car in a household.

Nissan built the car to match the requirements of a city driver. Although the car is 4cm shorter than the model it replaces, head and legroom is



Quality not quantity: the British-designed Micra should signal the end of the bigger is better philosophy among manufacturers of small cars

bigger. The secret lies in pushing the wheels further out to the corners and extending the wheelbase by 6cm. The improved handling is a bonus. In come new 16-valve en-gines — a one-litre and a 1.3-

litre — designed for smooth-

0-62mph in 12 seconds for the 1.3-litre — and cruise easily at motorway speeds.

More surprising in a car of this class is the quietness and refinement. Even at 70mph.

tyre-burning performance. In and tyre roar, and hardly any fact, they offer plenty of zip — engine noise. In town, the Micra manoeuvres tightly and provides wide all-round vision. The Micra makes me feel as though car-making has taken a step forward, providing a model which is as at home

town as it is spinning along the motorway. The pity is that British buyers will have to wait until next year, when prices will also be announced, before they can get their hands on this "mini marvel". Nissan has decided to wait until the British market picks up before

launching its model. That means the French and Germans will be driving the British-built Micra up to timee months before we do. However. it will be worth the wait. The Micra will present the greatest challenge yet to the current crop of "mini" cars.





that half the design content extended and the boot space is ness and efficiency rather than there is only a little wind noise twisting and turning through Rover delivers a shooting star



t takes a car company which is either brave or daft to launch a range of exotic coupes onto a market as flat as a pancake. Rover has clearly decided that ambition should overtake the depression by launching its

fastest production car yet.
The 220 Coupe Turbo is a tarmac burner with just over 200 brake horse power, enough to have smashed 37 land speed records during long distance endurance testing at the Millbrook track near Luton, Bedfordshire. The test car, a standard production model, hit a top speed of 156mph during the trials and averaged 138mph over a 24-hour period. Production cars claim distering acceleration of nought

speed may seem excessive and irrelevant in a world where the motorway speed limit is half the Rover's capability. But Rover has a point to prove. After 20 years in the guise of ailing British Leyland and

Rover Group, the company wants to prove that the the Germans and Japanese do not hold sovereign right to the reputation for building reliable cars.

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Rover has also been given the chance to dismiss criticism that it relies solely on Japanese technology through its relationship with Honda, which supplies it withengines. The record-breaker was fitted with a turbo-charged version of the T-series two-litre power pack designed by Rover and built at its Longbridge plant.

#### The test car hit 156mph during the trials

about £200 million to be spent some of their chic from a titanievery year on new models to continue its progress towards becoming a manufacturer of high value, high quality cars. The coupe continues the quest with three good-looking cars offering a

1.6-litre engine, a normally aspirated two-litre and the potent turbocharged two-litre. The base 1.6-litre is aimed at the market dominated by Ford's Escort XR3i The company has earmarked and Vauxhall's basic Calibra model. With 110bhp.

it is less a performance car than a model to attract drivers looking for a car with more interest than the usual mid-range choices.

The coupes get um-coated glass T-bar roof, which lifts off and stows into a cargo section in the boot turning the coupe almost into a convertible. New alarms, better hi-fis and cabin featuring burr walnut ve-

neer and four sculpted seats take the coupes into luxury car territory. On the more powerful two-litre cars, there is standard anti-lock brakes, fog lamps, spoilers and extra leather in the cabin.

Rover has kept down the price. The 1.6-line at £14,995 will attract a few buyers away from the Escort and Calibra while the 220 turbo at £18.315 is the fastest coupe at the price. That will give the Germans and Japanese something to think about at the British International Motor Show later this month. After years of gawping at foreign-made cars. visitors will have a British star to

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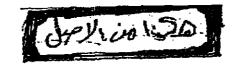
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(Judgment September 30) The provision in section 14(5A) of the Finance Act 1985, as inserted by the Finance Act 1985, as inserted by the Finance Act 1988, and which allowed a return which overstated or understated liability to tax to be corrected in a return for later period, was limited to subsection (5) and did not operate to deleta a serious misdeclaration penalty imposed under subsection (2) where the circumstances stated

re were satisfied. Mr Justice Simon Brown so held in the Queen's Bench Division when allowing an appeal by the Commissioners of Customs and Excise against a decision of the London VAT Tribunal presided over by Judge Medd, QC, on April 30, 1901, unholding are served. 30, 1991 upholding an appeal by P & O Steam Navigation Co and reducing to the extent of 199,222.60 a VAT assessment raised against them by the Commissioners on August 21, 1990, which sum represented the amount of a serious misdeclaration penalty imposed under the provisions of sections 14 and 21 of the Finance Act 1985. Section 14 of the Pinance Act 1985, as amended by the Finance

Act 1988 provides: es a person's liability to tax or overstates his entitlement to a payment ... and the circumstances are as set out in subsection (2) below, the person concerned shall

30 per cent of the tax which would P&O on July 17, 1990. On have been lost if the inaccuracy August 21, 1990 the commishad not been discovered.

"(2) The circumstances ... are that the tax for the period con-cerned . . (a) equals or exceeds 30 per cent of the true amount of tax for the period. or (b) equals or exceeds whichever is the greater of £10,000 and 5 per cent of the rue amount of tax for that period...

"(5) In this section the true amount of tax' ... means the amount of tax which was due from the person concerned ... or ... the amount of the payment (if any) to which he is entitled...

"(5A) Where — (a) a return for any prescribed accounting period overstates or understates to any extent a person's liability to tax or his entitlement to a payment ... and (b) that return is corrected ... by a return for a later such period which understates or overstates, to the corresponding extent, that liability or entitlement, it shall be assumed for the purposes of sub-section (5) above that the statement made by each of those returns is a correct statement for the accounting period to which it relates." Mr Nigel Pleming, QC, for the commissioners, Mr John Gardi-ner, QC and Mr Francis Piz-

MR JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that P & O overclaimed in their April 1990 VAT return input tax to the extent of £345,988, by wrongly including two invoices for £334,987, which were dated May 2, and in their May return underclaimed it to the

patrick for P & O.

The error was discovered by a VAT officer on a routine visit to

misdeclaration penalty of £99,222.60.

P & O's response to the commissioners' assessment was that their error had been corrected by a corresponding error in the commissioners favour in the very next return, the May return, and thus no penalty was payable. burnal that if P & O were entitled to

make that correction, then, by virtue of section 14(5A), no serious misdeclaration penalty whatever would be exigible. That remained the assumption stage of the hearing, his Lordship had suggested otherwise. That

suggestion was thereafter urged by counsel on behalf of the

The construction which was now espoused by the commissioners was that subsection (5A) played an altogether more limited role in the serious misdeclaration regime, the effect of correcting a return might or might not be to take it out of penalty: that would depend on whether the circumstances set out in subsection (2) continued to be

That was because subsection (5A) required simply an assump-tion "for the purposes of subsection (5)" and subsection (5) dictated no more than what was meant by the expression "the true amount of tax". That expression, appearing solely within subsection (2), determined whether either (or both) of the circumstances there set out (respectively in paragraphs (a) and (b)) were satisfied so as to qualify a

misdeciaration for liability to penalty — no more and no less. His Lordship, resisting as best as be could any inclination to favour his own brainchild, had come to regard the commissioners'

construction as wholly compelling. Section 14 was to his mind unambiguous. There was simply no room to accommodate such canons of construction as would te against the penalty. The broad rationale appeared to be simply this. Given the existence

of procedures for correcting errors in returns, clearly some provision had to be made for giving effect to those corrections upon the serious misdeciarations penalty regime.
Of course Parliament could have decided to take all such corrected misdeclarations out of penalty but it did not need to do so. It could instead, as his Lordship had concluded it had, have chosen to give effect to authorised conections merely by allowing them to deter-mine, as on occasion they did, whether or not the subsection (2) penalty preconditions were satisfied.

True, given the present restricted scope for the correction of erroreturns, permissible only when the net correction was limited to £1,000, there would be precious few cases when a correction would operate to defeat a penalty claim. But when sub-section (5A) was drafted that was not inevitable and, indeed, it might not remain so. Be that as it may, however, there was no ambiguity in the legislation and thus no basis for construing it as P & O desired. Leave to appeal.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Customs

proceeded with a limited summing

# Indictments should not be overloaded

Regina y Cohen and Others An indictment charging a conspiracy had to give particulars, but they were not to be more than was necessary having regard to the limitations imposed by a jury trial. To add more was to overload, even though the particularised conduct

was regarded as relevant. The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Mann, Mr Justice Ognall and Mr Justice Buckley) so stated on July 28, when allowing the appeals of Jonathan Cohen. Philip Gibbs, David Reed and Nicholas February 14, 1992 at the Central Criminal Court (Mr Justice McKinnon and a jury) of conspir-

LORD JUSTICE MANN, giving the judgment of the court, said that their Lordships had been told that the trial was the second longest in English history.

They had no doubt that its length and complexity were directly attributable to the length and complexity of the indictment.

The prosecution had a heavy responsibility not to overload an indictment. The discharge of that responsibility was not easy in the case of a complex fraud.

However, the trial judge had the ultimate responsibility of ensuring that the indictment was one upon which a manageable trial was

The problem presented by an overloaded indictment could be solved only by a robust and early use of that power. In this case after completion of the final speeches of counsel the

judge amended the indictment by excluding all particulars other than those relating to one issue. He then

possible, and to achieve that end he

could use his power of severance.

Accordingly that was on a basis fundamentally different from that on which counsel had addressed the jury and issues were taken away from the jury to which a large part of the evidence had been That amounted to a material

#### Interim residence order upheld

In re G (Minors)

The fact that a mother was believed to be taking cannabis did not justify a father in seeking, ex parte, an interim residence order in respect of the children who had for more than three years been residing with their mother, for such an order should only be made in a "snatch situation" or its

been appealed against, an ad-

order had been made and had not 24, in dismissing an appeal by a mother from an interlocutory order of Judge Woodford in Norwich County Court on September 7, 1992, whereby he refused to grant a mother an interim residence order which would have had the effect of reversing an interim residence order previously made ex parte in favour of the

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Justice Leonard Ljudgment October 61

There was no general duty on a prosecuting authority to disclose in advance the evidence and other accordingly there was no basis fo

Court so held in refusing a renewed application for leave to apply for judicial review by Kevin Francis Herbert Maxwell against (i) the Serious Fraud Office's refusal on August 19, 1992, to notice under rule 5 of the 1985 Rules that certain advance information was being withheld; (iii) and its refusal on or before

The relief sought included orders of mandanus requiring the Serious Fraud Office to supply advance information and to dislose the evidence it had in respect of the case against the

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Miss Clare Montgomery for the applicant; Mr Roger Kaye, QC and Mr Paul Garlick for the Director of the Serious Fraud Office.

affairs of the late Robert Maxwell, and had seized a large number of

After the applicant had been arrested and charged, further documents had been seized from his home. He was served with a notice under section 2(2) of the 1987 Act to attend for interview. the first taking place on July 22; there had been others since and year others pending for the present

# No duty to disclose evidence yet

Regina v Serious Fraud Office, Exparte Maxwell (Kevin) Before Lord Justice Mann and Mr

There was no duty on the Serious Fraud Office to provide advance information under rule 4 of the Magistrates' Courts (Advance Information) Rules (SI 1985 No 601) at the request of the accused, where the case had yet to be transferred to the crown court under the Criminal Justice Act

1987 Act, and each could proceed despite the currency of the other: R v Director of Serious Fraud Office. Ex parte Smith (The Times June 3; material it had in its possession about an accused person and [1992] 3 WLR 66). It was common ground that the purpose of the 1985 Rules was to the court to grant an order of andamus in such circumstances. The Queen's Bench Divisional enable an accused to make an informed choice as to the mode of

his trial: see rule 2 and the opening words of rule 4. The applicant's solicitors wrote to the officer in charge of the investigation in August reques supply advance information under the 1985 Rules in respect of offences of theft and consuitacy to defraud with which he was advance information under rule 4 of the 1985 Rules, but that was refused and a notice given under rule 5(2) that the advance informacharged before the City of London Magistrates Court on June 18. 1992; (ii) the decision of the Serious Fraud Office to give a tion was being withheld. mary, that rule 4 imposed a duty which was enforceable against the Director by an order of mandamus: that there was a general duty on a prosecuting authority, such as the Director, to make a timeous

to disclose the evidence and un-

ptember 16 to serve or otherwise

LORD JUSTICE MANN said that the Director of the Serious Fraud Office, in the exercise of powers under section 1(3) of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, had since November 13, 1991, been investigating both the legal and natural persons associated with the documents, computer discs and

An application by the applicant before justices on September 1 for a proposed interviewee had sight of the documents in the interviewthe prosecution's disclosure of ader's possesion. vance information was refused and Mr Beloff contended that as the proceedings adjourned. It was expected that the Director of the long as the application was made

bona fide, the motive for seeking Serious Fraud Office would give a the advance information was immaterial; the reliance by the Direc-tor on interference with the course notice under section 4 of the Act for the transfer of the case to the crown of justice was not specific to the His Lordship said that there were therefore two concurrent circumstances of the case, and in any event his decision was flawed forms of process: (i) an investi-gative process and (ii) a judicial in law as it was not a category of interference envisaged in the proprocess, each instigated by the Director under section 1 of the viso to rule 5.

His Lordship had grave doubts whether rule 4 was enforceable by an order of mandamus. Under the scheme of the 1985 Rules, if no statement was disclosed, the jus-tices had to adjourn the proceedings, which was what they did. They did not have power to direct that an advance statement should be made.

The application made to them was misconceived: of course, if a prosecutor persisted in neglecting to provide an advance statement that might lead to the dismissal of a case. But even on the bold sumption that mandamus was available to enforce the rule, there was no arguable basis for man-datory relief in the present case.

As for the argument that there was a general duty on the pros-ecutor to disclose all material in his possession, his Lordship said that there clearly was such a duty at common law, however, the perfor-mance of that duty had to depend on the standard procedures ap-plicable to the particular case.

Moreover, in the particular circumstances of the present case, where there was a requirement of notice of transfer and procedure by which information might be re-

1987 Act, there would come a time for disclosure in accordance with the procedures set out, but that

time had not yet arrived. As to the argument on the duty to be fair. Mr Beloff pointed to the vulnerability of the interviewee: see section 2(14). Mr Kaye denied there was any implied duty to place an interviewee in parity with the interviewer, and that was recognised to some extent by section

His Lordship said that it was important to appreciate that the power to interview was one given for a particular and express statutory purpose and that was identi-fied in section 2(1). The purpose was an investigative and not a judicial one and it was part of the

inquisitorial process.

No case was cited that showed that an investigator was obliged to show the person be auestioned the information he had, the subject matter of the questions asked. On occasions it might be fruitful

or helpful to disclose the information if the investigtor so perceived it; however, on other occasions it might be damaging to reveal the information.

If a statutory investigator abused his powers, that could undoubtedly be corrected by judicial review: see Ex parte Smith (21 p86).

There was no arguable case for relief in the present case, and his Lordship failed to see the force of the argument that it was an abuse of process to question when in possession of documents which the accused interviewee had not seen

Mr Justice Leonard agreed. Solicitors: Peters & Peters: Trea-

#### **Exception for housing benefit**

Regina v Derbyshire Dales DC, Ex parte Cooper Regina v Chesterfield BC, Ex parte Fullwood

Mr Beloff contended, in sum-

disclosure of all material in his possession, which was enforceable

present stage of the proceedings:

and that under section 2 of the

1987 Act the Director had to act fairly and an aspect of that was that

Before Mr Justice Henry [Judgment July 29]

court early next year.

The exception of a person who "jointly occupies" the residence to the definition of a "non-depen-dent" who normally resided with a housing benefit claimant and in respect of whom there was a deduction in benefit payable to the claimant, under regulation 3(2)(d) of the Housing Benefit [General] Regulations (Si 1987 No 1971), applied to a joint tenant of the residence or somebody who was iointly liable for the rent. Mr Justice Henry so held in the

Queen's Bench Division in dismissing two applications for judicial review of local authority housing benefit review boards in which the boards had decided that the applicants were liable for the

"non-dependent" deduction of their housing benefit in respect of adult sons living with them who were not liable to make payments either to the applicants or the landlords in respect of their occupation of the dwellings.

The case concerned the regulations in their unamended form. Mr Robin Allen for Mr Cooper; Lord Campbell of Alloway, QC and Miss Nan Alban-Lloyd for Mr Fullwood: Mr Richard Drabble for Derbyshire Dales DC; Mr John Howell for the secretary of

MR JUSTICE HENRY said that, having considered the scheme of the regulations as a whole, "jointly occupies" in regula-tion 3(2)(d) embraced a joint tenancy. The regulations made a clear and sensible whole when so construed.

Where the claimant was not

normally resided with him then the normal rule was that indepen-dent sharers of the accommodation should make a contribution towards their accommodation costs and the regulations set out to achieve that

Exceptions 3(2)(d) and (e) were there to deal with those cases where the sharers were already contributing to their accommodation, either directly to the landlord under (d) or to the claimant himself under (e).

There was no warrant for extending the (d) exception to persons for whose housing the under the regulations and who were not jointly liable with the claimant for the rent under a joint tenancy or other agreement.

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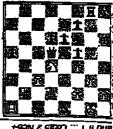
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Solution below.



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#### BBC1

6.00 Ceefax (99064)

6.30 Breakfast News starts with Business Breakfast until 6.55 when there begins news and topical reports with regular business, sport weather, regional news and travel bulletins (27252199) 9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series about two long-lost cousins (r) (11 13441)

9.30 Conservative Party Conference. The last moming of the conference concentrates on internal party policy and organisation. Presented by Donald MacCormick, Vivian White and Huw Edwards

10.00 News, regional news and weather (2391147) 10.05 Playdays, For the very young (s) (2268248) 10.25 Jimbo and the Jet Set. Animation (r) (9141624)

10.35 Conservative Party Conference. Further live coverage of the last morning's proceedings in Brighton. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 11.00 and 12.00 (22350083) 12.55 Regional News and weather (53931828)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. (Ceefax) Weather (45170)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (80131915) 1.50 Eldorado (r) (Ceefax) (5) (93669267)

2.20 Sport on Friday introduced by Helen Rollason, Gotf: quarter-final action in the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth: Racing from Ascot: the Mitre Stakes (2.30), the October Stakes (3.05) and the AIM Aviation Stakes (3.40); Football: a review of the week's Premier league news. Continues on BBC2 at 4.00 (9881354)

3.50 Christopher Crocodile. Animation. With the voice of Derek Griffiths (8721129) 3.55 The Little Green Planet Show (s) (6913606) 4.10 Chipmunks go to the Movies. Cartoon (s) (1589828) 4.35 Record Breakers presented by Roy Castle and Cheryl Baker. The guests include the 14-year-old mathematics.

prodigy Ganesh Sittampalan. (Ceefaxi (s) (7657441) 5.00 Newsround (8682793) 5.05 The Village by the Sea. The last episode in the senal about family life in a small Indian fishing village. (Ceefax) (4715809) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefaul (s) (437793). Northern Ireland: Inside

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) 6.30 Regional News Magazines (606). Northern treland: Neighbours

7.00 Eldorado. (Ceefax) (5) (3373) 7.30 Don't Wait Up. A repeat run of George Layton's amiable comedy senes starring Tony Britton and Nigel Havers as father and son doctors. With Dinah Sheridan. (Ceefax) (118), Northern Ireland:

8.00 Challenge Anneka. This week the hyperactive Anneka Rice and her team are challenged by the Albnghton Moat Project to convert listed dry moat in Staffordshire into a facility for disabled

ishermen. (Ceefax) (s) (1489) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8422)



Rotten apple? Neil Pearson with Michael Angelis (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines. Tough, involving drama series about internal investigations within the police force. The pushy and philandering Tony Clark (Neil Pearson) has to decide who is the real victim when he investigates the conviction of a victous armed robber. With Michael Angelis. (Ceefax) (s) (968373)

10.25 Terry Wogan's Friday Night. Weekly chat show (s) (277793). Northern Ireland: Anderson on the Box

11.05 Film: When He's Not a Stranger (1989) starring Annabeth Gish and John Terlesky. A made-for-television drama about a quiet college student who is date-raped by one of her campus colleagues. Because of their open relationship everyone thinks that she was a willing victim but she decides to fight for justice. Directed by John Gray (836967). Northern Ireland: 11.10 Terry Wogan 11 50-1 40am Film: Foul Play; Wales. Live at Brecon 11.45-1.20am Film. When He's Not a Stranger 12.40am Weather (6282039)

#### BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (4491557) 8.15 Made by Man, The long hours of the bee-keeper (4474880) 8.30 A Summer Journey: The Severn. Angela Rippon visits the Maritime Carrival at Bristol docks (r) (77118)

9.00 Daytime On Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (51165996) followed by Words and Pictures, presented by Sophie Aldred (s) (32267915)

2.15 Conservative Party Conference. Includes live coverage of the speech by prime minister John Major. With News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (792083)

4.00 Sport on Friday continued from BBC1. Further coverage of quarter-final matches in the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth (71170)

5.30 Top Gear. Includes Martin Brundle test-driving the Jaguar XJ220

6.00 Stingray. Cult 1960s puppet series (r). (Ceefax) (839880)
6.25 The Man From UNCLE. Ilya gets the hump in the Arabian desert when he is caught by a beautiful princess (r). (Ceefax) (890557)
7.15 Sounds of the Sixties. Archive film of rock, pop and R 'n' 8 stars.

Among those featured are the Rolling Stones, Procul Harum, Status Quo and Manfred Mann (r) (s) (197064) 7.45 What The Papers Say. With Michael Leapman (565373) 8.00 East: The Fire Next Time? A report on the tension between Blackburn's Indian and Pakistani Muslim communities (s) (7335)



Former glory: Sir Roy Strong in Het Loo's gardens (8.30pm)

● CHOICE: The gnomic Sir Roy Strong launches a six-part series which promises little of the blandness that usually pervades television co-operations with the royal household. His opening salvo is directed at Hampton Court. It may be the "most famous surviving royal garden" (Strong is very free with superlatives) but our presenter thinks it has been sadly disfigured since it was laid out our presenter trinks it has been saily using the since it was laid out in its present form by William and Mary. Strong would restore the lot to its late 17th century glory, even pulling down the yew trees to do so. He reinforces his argument with a visit to Holland and another William and Mary creation, Het Loo palace, which has been returned to its former state. In between his special pleading Strong is an enthusiastic guide, assessing gardens both for their aesthebc qualities and their political symbolism. (Ceefax) (9170)

9.00 Blackadder Goes Forth. As part of the War and Peace season, a repeat of the episode in which Captain Blackadder, entrenched on the Western Front during the first world war, sees a chance of returning to Blighty. (Ceefax) (6064)

9.30 I Renounce War. ● CHOICE: A documentary for the BBC2 War and Peace season charts the often anguished path of conscientious objectors in the century's two world wars. When compulsory conscription was introduced in 1916 thousands of potential servicemen were forced to choose between individual conscience and duty to king and country. For those who declined to fight, there was little sympathy and the likelihood of imprisonment and ridicule, Walter Griffin, now 93, revisits Wormwood Scrubs where he spent much of the first world war in solitary confinement. There was a more lenient attitude during the 1939 war and many COs met the authorities half way by joining medical and bomb disposal teams. The story has been told before and its main lines are well known. But first-hand

accounts give it flesh and poignancy (942335)

10.20 10 x 10: Time Stands Still. A documentary about Ilford Park Polish Home and its residents, many of whom are still coming to terms with Stalin's labour camps and the war on the Eastern front (r)

(555002) 10.30 Newsnight with James Cox (506977)

11.15 Campaign! In the first of four programmes telling the alternative story of the United States presidential elections, writer and humorist Roy Blount Ir analyses the candidates as sitcom characters

and traces the history of the Dan Quayle joke (479170)

11.45 Birdland. Marimba and vibraphone player Orphy Robinson is joined by cornettist Don Cherry (s) (478441) 12.15am Weather

12.20 Golf. Highlights of the quarter-finals of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth (5958300). Ends at 1.15

6.00 TV-am (6107606) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw, Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker (1119625) 9.55 Thames News (7726915) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (8775441)



Offering domestic points of view: Anne Robinson (10.40am)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine show presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes fashion news and domestic advice from Anne Robinson at the Good Housekeeping Institute. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather 12.10 Rainbow. Children's early-learning series (r) (7270248) 12.30 Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Oracle)

Weather (6961915) 1.05 Thames News (60702408)
1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (203064) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama serial set in the Australian outback (s) (202335)

2.15 Highway To Heaven: It's Dog's Life. Mark believes Jonathan, his earth-bound apprentice angel friend, has been turned into a dog by a clap of thunder and is forced to tackle their latest assignment reuniting a runaway boy with his father — alone. Starring Michael Landon and Victor French (4101460)

3.10 ITN News headlines (8524915) 3.15 Thames News headlines (8523286) 3.20 GP. Australian medical drama set in and around a doctor's surgery (4116151)

3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon adventures (6932731) 4.05 Astro Farm.
Puppet animation about a farming family living in space (s) (7837151) 4.15 Victor and Hugo. Cartoon misadventures of two incompetent French crooks. With the voice of David Jason (s) (1373267) 4.40 Knightmare. Dungeon game set in medieval times (7649422) **5.05 Cartoon** featuring Porky Pig (r) (5685915) 5.15 LWT News (7198660)

5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather (436199)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (422)

 6.30 On the Buses. Vintage comedy set in a London bus garage.
 Starring Reg Varney and Doris Hare (r) (642)
 7.00 Family Fortunes. In the game show hosted by Les Dennis a family from Castleford takes on one from Taunton. (Oracle) (s) (8441) 7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle) (286)

8.00 The European Match. Live coverage of the European Cup tie decider between Leeds United and VfB Stuttgart from the Nou Camp stadium, Barcelona (9183)

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10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Stewart and Nicholas Owen. (Oracle) Weather (292002) 10.35 LWT News and weather (469809)

10.40 The London Programme presented by Trevor Phillips. A look at the prospects of solicitors going on strike next spring over the introduction of a flat fee payment for legal aid cases (594793)

11.10 Park High. The third in a six-part fly-on-the-wall documentary series about life in a suburban comprehensive school (586373)

11.45 Jake and the Fatman: My Shining Hour. A former television star, now addicted to the bottle, witnesses a murder but nobody will believe him — except Jake. Staming William Conrad, Joe Penny and Emest Borgnine (840083)

and Ernest Borgnine (840083) 12.40am Married...With Children. American domestic comedy (s) (4761300)

1.10 Rescue 911. William Shatner introduces another collection of reallife drama stories about the United States emergency services (s) (1653774)

Zone. Magazine series for young Europeans (8240590) 3.05 CinemAttractions. The latest movie news from the United States (96096519)

3.35 Raw Power, Rock music magazine (s) (4571671) 4.35 Baseball 1992. Major league action (9375229) 5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (22565). Ends at 6.00

#### CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (86002) 7.00 The Sig Breakfast (35793) 9.00 You Bet Your Life. American game show (s) (53538) 9.30 Schools (154422)

12.00 The Stars. In the fourth of her six-part series Heather Couper explains the mysteries of starbirth (r). (Teletext) (66002)

12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series. Today's guest is LA Law star Blair Underwood (95624) 1.30 The Herbs. Animation (94551809) 1.45 The Clangers. Puppet animation (r) (94549064)

2.00 Conference Report. Live coverage of prime minister John Major's speech to the Conservative party conference in Brighton (37373) 3.30 The Catypso Singer. Paul Glickman's animation of a Stan Freberg song followed by Wreck of the Julie Plante, a musical poem

song ronowed by Wreck of the Julie Plante, a musical poem about a Canadian shipwreck (6936557)

3.40 The Three Stooges in Fuelin' Around (1949, bkw) (6287731)

4.00 Short Stories: The Virgin of Gortaneadin. The story of a grotto in Ireland where plignins dain to have seen visions of the Virgin Mary (r). (Teletext) (915)

4.30 Fifthern to One, Estamories broat and appeal from the Canadian seed of the Canad

4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz 4.30 Fifteen to One. Fast-moving knock-out general knowledge quiz presented by William G. Stewart (s) (199)
5.00 Animal Squad Undercover. The first of three films following the work of the RSPCA's Special Operations Unit, here trying to track down a man who organised a cocklight (r) (Teletext) (5354)
6.00 Blossom. American comedy series (s) (444)
6.30 Happy Days. American high school cornedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. (Teletext) (644)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Zeinab Badawi in London and Jon Snow at the Consequation party conference in Brighton. (Teletext) Weather

the Conservative party conference in Brighton. (Teletext) Weather (8151) 8.00 Brookside. Merseyside soap. (Teletext) (5) (5731) 8.30 Four-Mations: Sound. The animation season continues with Food, in which lan Svankmajer reflects on his childhood aversion to eating, and Neighbours, an Oscar-winning film by Norman

9.00 Garden Club. The team visit private gardens and allotments in the Welwyn Garden City area. (Teletext) (4460)
9.30 Cheers. Norm has a surprising confession to make to his fellow barflies after dating an attractive new client (r). (Teletext) (98719)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital. (Teletext) (s) (67731)
10.30 Terry and Julian. Camp sitcom starring Julian Cleary and Lee Simpson (s) (43151)

Simpson (s) (43151)

11.00 Paul Merton: The Series. More dead-pan humour (r) (3977) 11.30 Jonathan Ross Presents "Erotica". The video of Madonna's latest single (492422)



Heartache: Art Garfunkel as the obsessed lover (11.40pm)

11.40 Film: Bad Timing (1980).

McLanen (1538)

 CHOICE: An entry in the Channel 4 All in the Mind season is appropriately set in Vienna, the home of Freud and psychoanalysis, and is as much a case study as an account of the doorned love story which carries the plot. In essence Bad Timing charts the turbulent affair between a displaced American woman (Theresa Russell) and an obsessive psychology lecturer (Art Garfunkel). It is given a rich, provocative texture by Nicolas Roeg, a director noted for bold content and extravagant style. The narrative is based on flashbacks, a favourite device for exploring matters of the mind and one which allows the director to tantalise the audience by revealing information in apparently disconnected fragments. The film is explicit and often shocking. But it is made with a flair that compels the attention (47815712)

1.55am The Twilight Zone: The Midnight Sun (b/w). A tale of the supernatural (4167300). Ends at 2.10

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Richard Bach's Izle (753354)
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6.00 The Wizard (as 10am) (84873248)
7.40 Entertainment Tonight (212644)
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8.00 Working Trash (1990) Two caretak-ers become nch by sitting through rubbish on Wall Street (79010793) 9.50 US Top Ten (664064) 10.05 Dark Angel (1990), Dolph Lundgren pursues an intergalactic drug dealer (280539) 11.40 Steel and Lace (1990) Bruce Davison creates an android double of his sister (65.3128)

(954248)
1.15am Bad Dreams (1988): A gid awakens from a 20-year coma (6366294)
2.40 True Blood (1990): A mame's brother turns to come (707671)
4.20 Truelling Man (1989): Salesman John Lithgow has competition (856107) Ends at 6.00

SKY MOVIES GOLD

Wis the Astra satellite
6.00pm Rocky II (1979). Bosing drama with
Sylvester Statione (40538)
R.00 Duel at Dilable (1966): A racially mixed
cavalry unit is under seepe (45083)
10.00 Sharky's Marchine (1981): Burt
Reynolds comes to the aid of prostnute
Rachel Ward (35118). Ends at 12.00 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

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 15am Buffalo Bill (1944), Western about 8-15am Buffalo 881 (1944), Western about Bill Cody starting loel McCree (544002) 8.15 Felix the Cat — The Movie (1990r. Cartoon advantures (728538) 10.15 Inspector Clouseau (1968): Alan Arlan as the French detective (731002) 12.15pm Bandido (1956): Robert Mitchan rosses de Memzen border (486514) crosses the Merotan border (440624) 2.15 Flower Drum Song (1961): Musical set in San Francisco (77757373) 4.35 Fallix the Car. — The Movie (as

8,15am) (16325828) 6.30 Robin Hood (1991) Patnot Bergin 8.30 Mystic Pizza (1988): The romantic ups and downs of three waitresses (98262002) 10.20 Dead Reckoning (1990): High seas

10.20 Dead Reckoning (1990): Fight 9883 adventure (127536) 12.00 Fetal Exposure (1991): Mare Winningham is an assassin's target (192923) 1.35am Beverly Hills Brass (1989): A not-lyd engineers his own Isdnapping (735768) 3.10 Triumph of the Spirit (1989); Willem Dafoe becomes Auschwitz's bound rhamp-Dafoe becomes Auschwitz's boxing champ-on (\$1331497). Ends at **6.00** 

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 Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.30am Stretch (53624) 7.00 Torque (49170) 8.00 Netbusters (24151) 8.30 The Club Show (23422) 9.00 Stretch (47002) 9.30 Instel Tennis (89977) 10.30 Red Line (79354) 11.30 Stretch (67793) 12.00 German Football (53660) 2.00pm Netbusters (3793) 2.30 Fshing the West (3192) 3.00 Snooker (10731) 5.00 Horse of the Year Show (6880) 6.00 Sty Soccer Westernd (54880) 7.00 The Big Leadure Warrington y (54880) **7.00** The Big League: Warrington v Bradford (984625) **9.30** Netbusters (66625) 10.00 Spooker (60880) 12.00 Horse of th Year Show (60836) 1.00-3.30am The I League (as 7pm) (847132)

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 12.00 Football (53688) 2.00pm Gymnasics 184394 17.00 Flootball (53688) 2.00pm Gymnastics (92335) 3.30 Tenns (4799151) 7.00 Basket-ball (78267) 8.30 Motorsport (50575) 9.30 Eurosport News (51793) 18.00 Football Stuttgart v Leeds Und (62248) 12.00 1991 Supercross (34720) 12.30am News (89300)

SCREENSPORT

♥ Via the Astra satellite 7.00am Motorsport (47712) 8.00 Dunlop Rover GTi Championship (22793) 8.30 AMA Carnel Pro Bikes (21064) 9.00 Matchroom Carnel Pro Bikes (21054) 9.00 Macthroom Pro Box (83815) 11.00 Spanish Soccer (29170) 12.00 Brasilian Football (25880) 12.30pen Grundig Global Adverture (77731) 1.00 1992 FlA World Sportszar Champsonship (72286) 2.00 Volvo PGA Colf (4792248) 5.30 Pro Superbike (2170) 6.00 Volvo PGA Golf (85809) 7.30 NR. — The Week in Renew (9847) 8.00 Gallette World Sports (1199) 8.30 Go — Motorsport (10199) 9.30 Baseball (27538) 10.30 Motorsport (39441) 11.30 Women's Pro Beach Volleyball (81422) 12.00 Volvo PGA Golf (43381) 1.30am Longitude (21010) 2.00 NR. 1992 (32229) 4.00 Snooker

LIFESTYLE Via the Astra satellita
 10.00am Cyril Fletcher's Lifestyle Garden
 (87606) 10.30 Jackpot (36996) 11.00 Gloss
 (82002) 11.30 The Joan Rivers Show
 (3918380) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael
 (2197052) 1.10 Lunchbox (75269792) 1.40
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 (9763199) 2.00am Last Dance (85942)

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RADIO 2

FM Stèreo. 4.00am Charles Nove 6.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.15 Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Glona Hunnriord 3.30 Ed Stevart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Country Week: Am Reeves 7.30 Finday Night is Music Night 8.45 Margaret Fingerhut at the plano 9.00 Listen to the Bard: David Urquhart Travel Yorknire Impensi Band 10.00 Country Week: Darvel O'Donnell (r) 10.30 Radio 2 Arts Programme from Grimsby 12.30-4.00am John Terrett

RADIO 5

Resources 9-11; 9.15 Playame; 9.35 The Music Box 9.45 Something to Tinik About 10.00 Music Worldoop 10.25 Wiggly Park 10.30 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Where Were You In . . . 1983? 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 L25 BR95 Worldoop 2.30 Sportbooted 4.30 Fee Aside 6.30 You'll Never Believe II 7.15 Snft Bountes Back 7.30 Popcal 8.00 European Football Plus: Leeds v Stuttgart in the European Cup replay in Barcelona 10.10 Rave, md 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News; Sport

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WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am World Business Report 5.40 Travel and Weather 5.45 Programmes in German 6.30 Europe Today-6.59 Grammes in German 6.30 Europe Today-6.59 Weather 8.00 Newsdesk 8.30 La Serenissima 9.00 World News, 9.09 Words of Farth 9.15 Music Review 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Report Ive 10.15 Global Concerns 10.30 Seven Seas 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News 11.01 Focus on Farth 11.30 Latin Roots Midday Newsdesk 12.30pm BBC English 12.45 Mittagsmagaan 1.00 World News 1.09 Words of Farth 1.15 La Serenissima 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 Preys 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Mansfield Park 3.45 Global Concerns 4.00 World News 4.15 Music Review 5.00 News 5.09 News About Birtian 5.15 98C English 6.30 Programmes in Ferent 7.00 News 8.09 Programmes in German 9.00 News 9.09 The World Today 9.25 Words of Farth 9.30 Europe Tonight 10,00 Newshow 11.00 News 11.09 News 11.05 Programmes in Serent 11.15 Propie and Politics 11.15 Sports Roundup Midmight World News 12.05 Sam World Susness Report 2.15 Worldshel 12.30 Multitrack 3 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 From the Weeklies 1.45 Recording of the Week 2.00 News 2.05 Custook 2.30 Short Story: A Gift for the Emperor Dwarf 2.45 Jazz Now and Then 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 People and Politics 4.00 News 4.09 World of Farth 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 The Vintage Chart Show 5.00 News 5.15 Good Books foundup 4.30 The Vintage Chart Show 5.00 News 5.15 Good Books

CLASSIC FM

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Schubert, orch List (Wandererlantase); Beethoven (Serenade in D) 3,00 Petroc Trelawney 6,00 Classic Reports. Margaret Howard's quest is Anne Sophie Von Otter 7,00 Classic Verdict 8,00 Classic Rin Concert: UPO under Klaus Tendstedt performs Brahms (Violin Concerto in D: Nagel Kennedy; Bruch (Violin Concerto No 1: Kyung-What Chung) 10,00 Adrian Love 1,00-6,00em Robert Booth

#### VARIATIONS

ANGLIA As London except: 2.15-3.10 The Gusenburg Internance (a101460) 3-29-3-50 The Young Doctors (4116151) 5-10-5-40 Movies... Movies... Movies (4709248) 625-7-00 Anglia News (708985) 10-45 Film: Who Dares Win (42165606) 1-05-2-05 Cue the Music (2693300) BORDER

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As London except: 1.45 One to One (202335) 2.15-3.10 Donahue (4101460) 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (4116151) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4709248) 6.00 Lockaround Friday (422) 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road (642) 10.40 The Law and Harry McGraw (261267) 11.35 The Gig (573809) 12.35 Coach (484229) 1.05 First Sharing Richard (671836) 2.50 CinremAttractions (40632) 3.20 Night Beat (808045) 4.15-5.30 First The Man from Ealeotars (3701381) Film: The Man from Dakota\* (3791381)

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3.00 The Hit Man and Her (1799768) 4.05 Film: The Third Alibi\* (8189855) 5.05-5.30 Central Joblinder 92 (2709316) GRANADA As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice

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HTV WALES As HTV West except 6.00pm Wales at 5x 6.30-7.00 Challengers TSW

TVS

As London except: 2.15 That's Gardening! (227544) 2.45-3.10 Yan Can Cook (5725869) 3.20-3.50 The Young Doctors (4116151) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (4709248) 6.00 Coast to Coast (875248) 6.50-7.00 Police 5 (516712) 10.40 Film: Calamity Jane (10116606) 12.30-1.10 Married...with Children (6992855) TYNE TEES

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12.30 News (67073644) 12.35 Slot Meithrin (8009828) 1.00 Check Out (38890) 1.30
Fifteen To One (84996) 2.00 Conservative Leader's Speech (37373) 3.30 The Calypso Singer/Wirek Of The Julie Plante (6936577)
3.40 The Three Stooges' (6287731) 4.00
Profiles of Nature (6921147) 4.25 Slot 23 (4374506) 5.00 My Two Dads (6847) 5.30
Brookside (151) 6.00 News (295422) 6.70
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CENTRAL.

5.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Music, news and
weather with Piers BurtonPage, Including Mozart
(Concert Rondo in D. K 386);
Mussorgsky (A Night on the
Bare Mountain); Brahms (Alto
Rhapsordy)

Rhapsody)

9.00 Composers of the Week:
The Court of Philip II of Spain.
Victoria (Missa Surge propera);
Antonio de Cabezón
(Diferencias on the Pavana
italiana; Variations on
Crequillon's Un gay bergier;
Pange lingua; O gloriosa
Domina); Alonso Lobo (Versa
est in luctum)

9.55 Mussic of Sisley's Time:
Debussy (La Damoiselle Elue);
Franck (Sonata in A);
Chausson (Viviane); Fauré
(Piano Quartet No 1 in C
minor, Op 15); Bizet (Suite,
Jeux d'entants)

12.00 Wolf's Goethe Lieder (r)

1.00pm News Rhapsody)

12.00 Wolf's Goethe Lieder (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from
Manchester: Live from the
Concert Hall, New
Broadcasting House. The
Musical Offering performs J.F.
Fasch (Quarter in D); Bach
(Trio Sonata in C minor, BWV
1079); Leclair (Deuxlème
Recréation) Recreation)

2.00 Mining the Archive: The planist Vladimir Ashkenazy, recorded at the 1966
Cheltenham Festival. Prokofiev (Sarcasms, Op 17); Schubert (Sonata in E minor, D 566).

2.28 Interviewed in the 1960s, Vladimir Ashkenazy talks about musical life in the Soviet Union. 2.35 Beethoven (Sonata in 8 flat, Op 106, Hammerklavier)

Hammerklavieri 3.20 La Vida Breve: Netherlands Radio Choir and SO under Antoni Ros-Marba performs Manuel de Falla's opera. With Maria Oran, soprano, as Salud, Rose Maria Ysas, mezzo, as Abuela, and Daniel Galvez-

Vallejo, tenor, as Paco 4.30 The Sephardic World of Music "Sephardic" comes from "Sfarad", the Hebrew word for Spain. Alex Knapp explores the musical traditions of the Jews who were expelled from Spain in 1492

RADIO 3

5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker interviews the French pianist Pascal Rogé
8.00 Variations on an Original Theme: Festival of BBC Orchestras. Live from Symphony Hall, Birmingham, BBC Philharmonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier performs John Casken (Tableaux des Trois Ages); Eigar (Cello Concerto in E minor: Colin Carr). 8.50 Colette and Music. Richard Langham Smith on French

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Langham Smith on French
musical life (3/4). 9.10 Berlioz
(Symphonie fantastique)

10.10 Portuguese Discoverers: In
the final programme, Manuel
Carlos de Britos explores the
idea that Europe imported, as
well as exported, musical
cultures cultures 10.25 Esperar, Sentir, Miorir, Xavier Torra, counter-tenor, performs Spanish baroque songs. With Mireia Hernandez, hap-sichord, Clara Hernandez,

gamba, and Vicens 1 10.45 1492 • CHOICE: What is mba, and Vicens Maiol, lute astonishing about radio's commemorative programmes about Columbus's discovery of the New World is not their profusion but their lack of duplication. Fred D'Aguiar's narrative poem is for two voices and a sever-piece band The canvas is both intimate The canvas is both intimate and spectacular, pinpointing a single moment in history and spanning centuries, looking back to Lot's wife and forward to the Thames in 1992.

D'Aguiar gives voice to the guilty thoughts of Columbus (Ohver Ford Davies) and the confused thoughts of the noble savage (Burt Caesar). Keith Waithe's music is both a help and a hindrance

11.30 Midnight Olt: The soprano Nicola Walker Smith, recorded in a late-night concert this

Nicola Walker Smith, recorded in a late-night concert this summer at the Spitalfields Festival, sings music composed for her by Geoff Smith, Barrington Pheloung, Georges Aperghis, Tom Williams and Gavin Bryars

12.35-12.40am News

1.00-2.55 Minist School (except in

1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

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TSW
As London except: 2.10 Cravehaw Paints
Ols (10821070) 2.40-3.10 The Sullivars
(3827199) 3.18-3.50 The Young Doctors
(223828) 5.10-5.40 Movies, Movies, Movies
(4709248) 6.00 TSW Today (422) 6.30-7.00
Home and Away (632) 10.40 Married...with
Children (594793) 11.10 Film: Prince of Bel
Air (578422) 1.05 Film: Sharing Richard
(768316) 2.50 CinemAttractions (6324251)
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The Man From Dakota\* (3791381)

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3.00 Special Assignment 3.30 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde discusses fiction with the

novelist David Lodge (s) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidosco

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping 6.00 News, incl
6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming
Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 Today, ind 6.30, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55,
7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought
for the Day 8.43 The Man
Who Planted Trees, by Jean
Giono (2/2) (s) 8.58 Weather
9.05 Desert Island Discs: The
actress Juliet Stevenson (s) (r)
9.45 The Village: Real-life stories
from Bertbey in Hampshire
10.00-10.30am News; Cold Print
(FM only)
© CHOICE: Unlike the other
deceased publications

decassed publications exhumed by Christopher Matthew and his distinguished contributors during the past month, only Nova, the

month, only Nova, the woman's magazine that bloomed brilliantly in the 1960s, only to wilt and die in the 1970s, is deeply mourned by every contributor, without exception. Even Picture Post, extrumed last week, was thought to have outlived its usefulness in its final years. Stacketed with this morniorite.

usefulness in its final years.
Bracketed with this moming's unqualified bributes to Nova itself is the remarkable unanimity in the hero worshipping of its editor.
Dennis Hackett

10.00 Daily Service (LW only)

10.15 The Hindu Scriptures (LW only): The Kidnapping of Sita

10.30 Woman's Hour talks to the golfer Laura Davies and the golfer Laura Davies and the photographer Nancy Honey. Incl 11.00 News 11.30 The Natural History

Programme 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm The Food Programs 12.55 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shinking Execution

Shipping Forecast
2.00 News: Classic Serial: Père
Goriot. The final part of
Baltzec's novel (s) (r)

4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope
talks to the artist Paula Rego,
and reviews John McEwan's
book about her work; and
visits an exhibition of British
sculpture at Stoke (s)
4.45 Short Story: Dear George, by
Helen Simpson, Read by Alice
Anold (r)
5.00 PMI 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places: The transport
programme with Janet Trewin
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers (s)
7.20 Pick of the Week (s)
8.05 Any Questions? Nick Clarke
chairs this week's debate in
Eastbourne. The panellists are
Frank Dobson, MP, shadow
employment secretary; Simon

Frank Dobson, MP, shadow employment secretary, Simon Hughes, Liberal Democrat spokesman on the environment and natural resources; Malcolm Ritkind, MP, defence secretary, and Hugo Young, journalist 8.50 Stop Press: John Diamond amounces the winner of The Guardian/Stop Press feature-writing competition

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9.15 Kaleidoscope: The Sound of Surprise. The planist Julian loseph and his band amange, rehearse and record a version of a well-known song (s)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonlight (s)
10.45 Booker at Bodtime: Daughters of the House, by Michele Roberts. Reed by Marilyn Le Corite

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11.00 Week Ending (s)

11.25 The Financial Week

11.45 Squawkers, Spottles and Windles: Spottles And Windles: Apottles Adelecence in the BBC sound archives

12.00-12.43 am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

12.43 World Service (LW only)

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